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A protester in Germany kneels in front of the riot police in a peaceful demonstration against racism. [IPPA photo]

Neo-Nazi win causes concern

BONN (JTA) —

The unexpected electoral success of a neo-Nazi party in local elections has added to the deep concern felt throughout the country over the escalation of right-wing violence against immigrants and other foreign refugees.

The German Peoples Union, or DVU, headed by anti-Semitic publisher Gerhard Frey, polled 6.3 percent of the popular vote in Bremen, enough to win its first seats in the legislature of that northern German city-state.

Frey is editor and publisher of the Munich-based *National Zeitung*, which has been largely dedicated to attempts to prove the Holocaust never occurred.

Neo-Nazi and extreme right-wing fringe parties have flourished briefly in past local elections, only to fade from the political scene. The Republican Party, led by a former Nazi SS officer, was a recent example.

But the DVU's showing in Bremen has political observers troubled, because it can be linked to the influx of refugees, many from the Third World, an issue that has polarized Germans since their country was unified a year ago.

Some commentators have likened the wave of violence against foreigners to the hatred of Jews that flared when the Third Reich was formed.

Rita Sussmuth, speaker of the Bundestag, Germany's lower house of Parliament, said that these attacks "reawaken fears" that "are nourished by our past."

Sussmuth and Henning Voscherau, mayor of Hamburg and president of the Bundesrat, the upper house, laid wreaths at the site of a former Nazi concentration camp in Neuengamme, near Hamburg.

Although Jewish institutions have not been targeted by the right-wing extremists, police in many cities have beefed up the protection of synagogues and other Jewish communal buildings.

Helmut Kohl

At least 30,000 asylum-seeking refugees entered Germany last month and, according, to government estimates, immigration for the whole year may reach 200,000.

Significantly, much if not most of the violence against foreigners has occurred in former East Germany.

Last weekend alone, neo-Nazi and skinhead youths attacked hostels and other buildings housing foreigners in 20 German towns.

A hostel for foreigners was attacked in Bad Honnef, just southwest of Bonn. It was repeatedly hit by lead balls, but no injuries were reported.

Quarters occupied by foreigners were set on fire in the town of Herford, southwest of Hanover. In Recklinghausen, near Dortmund, police arrested 15 people between the ages of 14 and 19 for violence against Asian and African refugees.

Two men were arrested in Hagen, south of Dortmund, suspected of attempting to murder asylum-seekers.

The attacks generally appear to be in response to a perception that guest workers and immigrants from Asia, Africa, the Soviet Union and elsewhere in Eastern Europe are taking jobs, housing and government subsidies away from native Germans.

Right-wing and neo-Nazi parties play on those fears to arouse dormant racism.

The federal government is upset by the phenomenon. The response of Chancellor Helmut Kohl has been to lobby for a constitutional amendment limiting the present blanket right to asylum in Germany.

Kohl warns that the situation could get worse unless the major political parties agree on ways to halt the flood of immigrants.

Foreigners are attracted to Germany because of its superior living standards. In order to gain access to social and financial benefits, one must claim to have been a victim of political prosecution in one's homeland.

Ultra-Orthodox, police clash over new highway

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Four policemen were hospitalized for injuries sustained Saturday during a violent demonstration by ultra-Orthodox Jews protesting the use by Sabbath drivers of a new highway that runs near their neighborhoods.

Several policemen and two news cameramen were struck by rocks. One of the protesters was hospitalized, a number were hurt and several were arrested by the police.

The fracas erupted suddenly from what began as a peaceful demonstration by local residents with a police permit. Leaders of the religious community, who had promised there would be no violence, apparently lost control.

Young religious activists knocked down police barriers and began hurling rocks at passing cars. No cars were reported damaged or drivers injured.

Jerusalem Police Chief Haim Albaldes said his forces were under orders to exercise maximum restraint. But when the situation got out of hand, mounted police entered the fray using clubs. One of the leaders of the demonstration, Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, complained that there had been no need for such measures.

The police had tear gas and water cannons on hand, but neither was used. Some Arabs complained that the police had never showed such restraint dealing with Arab disturbances. But most Arab residents watched the spectacle with a mixture of astonishment and amusement.

Police Minister Ronni Milo praised the police for showing "overall restraint." He warned, however, that a repetition of the violence would be met by "aggressive" police measures.

Roni Milo

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said the demonstrators "violated both the law and the call of their own rabbis." But he suggested that they were only a minority within the religious community.

The new highway, which cuts the distance between downtown Jerusalem and the northern suburbs, opened Oct. 1 to a chorus of protests and threats by ultra-Orthodox Jews, whose neighborhoods it skirts.

Kollek pointed out that the highway does not pass through any religious neighborhood.

HEATED EXCHANGE

A Moledet member (left) exchanges heated words with a Peace Now demonstrator in Petach Tikvah recently over PLO participation in the proposed peace talks. [IPPA photo]

Green light for Russian

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Another Soviet Jewish woman has been granted refugee status in Canada on the grounds of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

It is the second such case in the past month and as in the other instance the decision of the Immigration Refugee Board was given "from the bench" which means that the board members decided the matter quickly and positively.

Mark Fromkin, who represented the woman, said he was encouraged by the decision and hopes it bodes well for the many other similar cases awaiting decision.

As in the other case, this board decided that the woman could not depend on the Soviet government to protect her from harassment and discrimination because she was a Jew, Fromkin said.

In the Soviet Union, the woman had lost her job because of discrimination. "Before the board, she was very nervous and had trouble expressing herself," Fromkin said. "They seemed to be more impressed by her emotional state than by her words."

Though one board's decision is not binding on another, if the boards continue to recognize that anti-Semitism is out of control in the Soviet Union, Fromkin said, this will expedite favorable decisions in similar cases.

Canada

Indoor tennis plans cause problems for JCC

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The planned introduction of year-round tennis at the Jewish Community Centre's North Y branch has plunged the organization into a three-sided controversy that may result in the matter being taken to court.

At the heart of the legal issue is a claim by the Mayfair Racquet Club that the JCC is prevented from competing with it in year-round tennis as a result of an agreement reached when the JCC obtained the Northeast Valley branch from it in 1980.

To compound the issue, a number of disgruntled tennis-playing members have announced they are fielding a slate of candidates to vie for the 12 available positions on the Centre's 73-person board of directors in a bid to express their disapproval of the proposed tennis facility.

The JCC's annual meeting is scheduled for Nov. 27.

Though the Centre's executive committee and board must still approve the details of the arrangement under which Neil Cohen & Associates will run the tennis program on a profit-seeking basis, the JCC expects to be able to offer its members five new clay tennis courts under a winter bubble beginning in October 1992. Outdoor tennis with the bubble down (supplemented by two existing courts) would be available in May.

While the organization's officers and some tennis aficionados will applaud the move as a major improvement in the JCC's facilities that keeps it competitive with other athletic Centres, the proposed courts have prompted 200 of the approximately 340 current tennis players to oppose the move.

The controversy has taken JCC officers by surprise, said branch director Harold Cipin. At first, it was felt that the proposal for year-round tennis would be applauded for providing enhanced facilities for members.

In addition to getting a better clay surface to play on, tennis will now be available year round, he said.

Meanwhile, the dispute with the Mayfair club has divided the JCC leadership and created "an unwarranted environment among some of the lay leaders that has spilled into the community at large," he added.

People with ties to both the JCC and Mayfair have spoken at Centre executive committee and board meetings on either side of the issue.

The origins of the disagreement with Mayfair can be traced back to 1980.

Disagreement with Mayfair

An Aug. 1 letter to the JCC from Harold Soupcoff, chairman of the board of Mayfair, claims that when the Centre obtained the building and lands at Steeles and Leslie, it was done on condition the Centre not compete with it in indoor tennis.

Saying Mayfair would explore "every avenue that might be available to us to. . . prevent this from happening," Soupcoff added, "We intend to commence legal action against the Centre for damages and for an injunction."

The JCC disputes Mayfair's interpretation of the deal, saying the restriction applied only to the NE Valley Branch, not to the North Y branch on Bathurst St., said the Centre's executive director Paul Brownstein.

A legal opinion requested by the Centre confirmed that, Cipin said.

Last August, the Centre's board accepted in principle an executive committee recommendation to allow Neil Cohen & Associates to run the year-round tennis program.

The company is expected to invest about $800,000 in the project, Brownstein said, adding that the JCC board unanimously turned down a proposal from Mayfair to repair the existing courts. The board could not accept Mayfair's condition that in return the JCC agree never to build an indoor tennis facility.

Mayfair has subsequently requested further meetings, Brownstein said, adding the JCC is willing to meet to resolve their disagreements.

Into the fray has entered a group of tennis-playing JCC members, who are opposed to the loss of the existing, outdoor courts.

Lawyer David Bierstone said he and other members have a substantial attachment to the courts, which offer tennis in a uniquely beautiful setting.

The proposed new courts would be located to the west of the outdoor swimming pool in a congested, noisy area — reducing the members' enjoyment of the facility, he said. And the existing courts would be paved over as a parking lot, making the walk to parking spots more inconvenient for members.

A core of current members are also concerned that privately-run tennis would result in substantial court-user fees, he said, and they are worried that if the company does not succeed or if it closes, the JCC would no longer be able to afford the bubble or the expensive daily maintenance of the clay courts. It would then be left with an expensive white elephant.

Bierstone, who favors accepting Mayfair's offer to resurface the existing courts, said a petition containing about 200 signatures is circulating against the planned indoor tennis, adding he feels the JCC board "is out of touch with the people it's supposed to be representing."

JCC executive director Paul Brownstein

Responding to the members concerns, Brownstein told *The CJN* that the current tennis program has for years been a break even proposition, with fees only reaching $75 per season.

Because of budgetary restrictions, the JCC cannot afford the estimated $250,000 cost to repair the badly deteriorated Laykold courts, and the possibility of injury is a concern.

Brownstein said the proposal to go private with the tennis facility is part of an approach the JCC has been forced to take due to shrinking funding. The Centre is receiving less money from both the Jewish community and the United Way and the administration has been encouraged "to be entrepreneurial in looking at JCC finances," he said.

Since the Centre is averse to raising dues and squeezing out middle-income members, "we're looking for revenue-generating projects," Cipin said.

As a result, the JCC now sports a privately run restaurant, a sporting goods store, a cardiac clinic, a sports medicine clinic and has obtained corporate sponsorship of its basketball program.

"Tennis falls into exactly the same category," Cipin said.

The JCC expects an additional $200,000 in cash flow from the tennis program — from new members, from NE Valley tennis players transferring to the North Y branch and from other spinoffs of the tennis program, Brownstein said.

In addition the JCC will place a cap on the fees charged by the private investor to ensure they do not get too high, Cipin said.

CJC, JFGT disagree over funding programs

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) have reached a temporary impasse over the funding and administration of several programs and committees, the monthly meeting of Congress' Ontario region executive was told recently.

The logjam in ironing out the difficulties is causing some strain and requiring Congress professionals to devote time and energy to issues that should now be within the purview of the federation, Congress president Les Scheininger said.

Les Scheininger

Speaking to *The CJN* following the executive meeting, Scheininger said that under recommendations of the Lithwick committee, which studied ways of revising the division of powers between national organizations and local federations, the committees were to come under the jurisdiction of the JFGT.

While the federation now appoints the committee chairmen and supervises the staff, the programs continue to be funded through the Congress budget.

That must change, Scheininger said. "We can't allow this situation to fester much longer."

In addition to requiring a budgetary outlay of approximately $400,000, Congress staffers and officers are being tied up with inter-organizational "wrangling," he said.

Scheininger said Congress had implemented the Lithwick committee's recommendations, including amending its by-laws at the insistence of the federations, but the same response had not been forthcoming from the federation to take full responsibility for the committees.

JFGT president Jack Chisvin said the federation does not wish to take an adversarial position with Congress, while federation executive- director Steve Ain said the Lithwick committee has been revived by the National Budgeting Conference (a forum for allocating community funds) to discuss exactly how its recommendations will be implemented.

(The Lithwick report itself called for the revival of the committee as a means of resolving disagreements over the implementation of its recommendations.

Scheininger, who reviewed the last 11 months of his tenure as president, said Congress has reacted favorably to recent constitutional proposals by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

He called them "a positive and encouraging starting point for discussion."

Scheininger noted that concern for Israel was in the forefront of Congress' agenda over the past year and that the organization had arranged a visit to the Jewish state by 14 ethnic leaders from across Canada.

Major impact

He said he believed the summer trip had a major impact on the multicultural leaders, who saw for themselves the importance of the Golan Heights to Israel's security as well as the integration of new immigrants into the country.

In other reports, students Erin Sperling of Barrie and Aviva Barth of Guelph described their participation in the Pincus Fund program to teach children in small centres about their Jewish roots.

The two girls gave the program high marks. Barth said it helped make her proud of her Judaism and created an incentive for further Jewish education.

The meeting also heard from Sydney Eisen, who urged laymen to attend the national education conference in Montreal, while Carol Kassel said 1,000 delegates are expected at the upcoming 23rd Congress plenary, May 20-24, to be held at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel.

— P.L.

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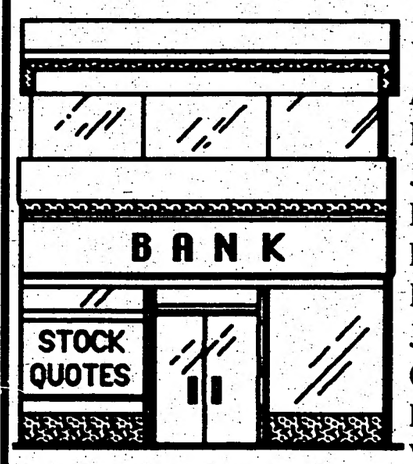

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Irving nixed in Ottawa

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —
British Holocaust denier David Irving just can't seem to get a break.

Irving, whose cross-Canada speaking tour is marked by one controversy after another, was booked to speak here last Sunday at the Tudor Hall on Bowesville Road.

But only days before the scheduled talk, the hall's owner, Franco Giammaria, cancelled the rental contract after he discovered Irving's views on Germany, Jews and the Holocaust.

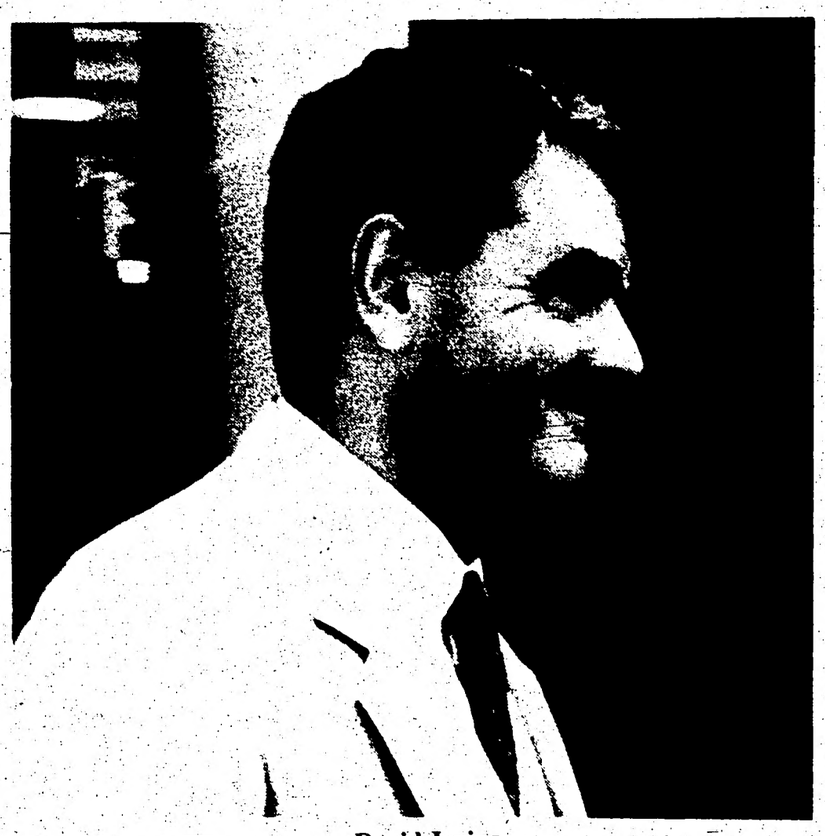
Irving's backers took the matter to court, where they sought an injunction to force Giammaria to honor the deal.

After a brief court appearance by both sides' lawyers last Thursday, Irving's supporters dropped the case, saying it would be too costly to pursue.

Matters came to a boil last Sunday, when about 50 of Irving's backers met in a parking lot on Kent Street and proceeded to the Skyline Hotel on Lyon Street.

According to witnesses, they were met in the hotel parking lot by the same number of demonstrators from the militant gay group Queer Nation and members of SHARP — Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice.

Shouts of "Nazis go home!" and "Better latent than blatant!" were delivered in the driving rain.



David Irving

Police were called

Irving and his entourage proceeded to a room in the hotel, where they were met by the manager, who reportedly told them to leave because he said he was unaware the room would be used for a speech by Irving.

When Irving refused to leave, police were called, and they escorted everyone out peacefully.

Irving and his backers then went to a Chinese restaurant.

Both B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress praised Giammaria and the Skyline Hotel for their actions.

In Kitchener, Irving spoke last Friday at the Transylvanian Club on Andrew Street.

In Toronto, he was booked to speak last Saturday, first at the Marriott Hotel, then at the Novotel in Mississagua. Both venues cancelled their bookings after they discovered it was not Irving who signed the contracts.

It's not known whether Irving delivered a speech in Metro.

Leuchter barred in Britain

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Fred Leuchter has run into another obstacle preventing him from disseminating his Holocaust-denial views.

The Massachusetts pseudo-engineer was recently barred from entering Britain because his presence was deemed by Home Secretary Kenneth Baker as being contrary to the public good.

Leuchter's attempt to enter Britain, where he was billed as an expert on Nazi gas chambers, has prompted an American survivors group to question whether he is in violation of the terms of a consent agreement under which he agreed not to hold himself out as an engineer or disseminate his report, which concludes that no-one could have been killed by the gas chambers at Aushwitz-Birkenau or Majdanek.

In exchange for the June 1991 agreement, prosecutors agreed to discontinue legal action against him. Leuchter could again face prosecution for falsely holding himself out as an engineer and a subsequent jail term if he violated its terms.

Shelley Shapiro, director of Holocaust Survivors & Friends, said the organization has informed Boston District Attorney Tom Reilly that it believes Leuchter's proposed visit to Britain and the distribution of his book there contravene the consent agreeement.

The Latham, NY survivors group, along with the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, was instrumental in launching the complaint against Leuchter.

Leuchter, who has only a Bachelor of Arts degree, prepared the gas chamber "engineering report" at the behest of Nazi-supporter Ernst Zundel during his 1988 trial for publishing lies denying the Holocaust.

Along with French Holocaust-denier Robert Faurisson, Leuchter was invited to Britain by history writer David Irving, Shapiro said. All three testified for Zundel at his 1988 trial.

Irving, who is currently on a Canadian lecture tour, wrote the forward for the British edition of *The Leuchter Report*. His company, Focal Point Publications, publicized Leuchter's planned speaking engagements.

In denying Leuchter permission to enter the country, Home Secretary Baker stated that Leuchter's and Faurisson's views are "deeply repugnant."

"In view of the offence which I believe would be caused by [Leuchter's] visit, he should be excluded from the United Kingdom on the grounds that his presence here would not be conducive to the public good."

Shapiro hailed the announcement as "another blow to Holocaust-deniers that shows that their only audience is neo-Nazis and that the mainstream public finds their views offensive and will act to combat them."

In a news release, The Board of Deputies of British Jews stated that British authorities were aware that spokesmen for the Holocaust denial movement might be trying to make Britain the centre for their activities.

Croatian Jews request assistance

TORONTO —
The Jewish communities in Zagreb and Dubrovnik have launched appeals asking Jewish communities around the world to come to the aid of the embattled republic of Croatia.

In letters faxed to *The CJN* from Nenad Porges, president of the Zagreb Jewish community and Danko Atijas, vice-president of the Dubrovnik community, Croatian Jews ask for moral support, a protest at the brutal war and recognition of Croatia.

Srdan Matic, executive vice-president of the Zagreb Jewish community, told *The CJN* in a telephone interview that the situation in the Croatian capital is deteriorating, with tension high due to frequent air raid warnings and bombardments primarily on the outskirts of town.

He said the Croatian Jewish communities recently agreed to appeal to Jewish communities around the world because, "We would like to wake up the consciousness of people who are bystanders to realize a real savage war is going on here."

He said the Jewish community has not been a specific target during the hostilities, other than from a bombing by unknown sources of Zagreb's Jewish community building and synagogue in August.

But during a late September bombardment of the Croatian capital, bombs fell near the Jewish seniors building and around the same time, the synagogue in Osijek was destroyed in a bombardment. Osijek is located close to the border between Croatia and the republic of Serbia where heavy fighting has been reported.

Matic said he is aware of no Jewish casualties in the 2,000-strong Jewish community in Croatia. Yugoslavia has about 6,000 Jews, with about 1,600 living in the capital of Belgrade.

Matic said air raid warnings prompted cancellation of Yom Kippur services in Zagreb, though they were held at Rosh Hashanah.

Matic said that despite requests by the Jewish Agency to resettle Yugolsav Jews in Israel, he believes no more than 15 families have left the Croatian republic since the outbreak of hostilities.

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Jewish candidates seeking seats in B.C. election

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
At least three Jewish candidates have been officially nominated to run in the British Columbia provincial election, which Premier Rita Johnston is expected to call right after Labor Day.

There are no Jews in the legislature at present. Seventy-five seats are up for grabs.

Two of the candidates, Bernie Simpson, NDP, and Jonathan Baker, Social Credit, are running against each other in the new constituency of Vancouver-Fraserview. Stuart Hertzog, NDP, is running in another new constituency, Vancouver-Quilchena.

Former family and youth court judge Herman Litsky was nominated last year to run for the moribund Liberal party, which has no members in the legislature, but he told The CJN that he was dropping out "for personal reasons."

Simpson, who claims to be the only practising Jew who is running, said he and his family attend Beth Israel Conservative Synagogue regularly and observe kashruth. Born and educated in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia, he heads up a large law firm which specializes in personal injury cases. Prior to going into law he was a social worker for the Children's Aid Society and Riverview Hospital.

Bernie Simpson

Stuart Hertzog

Mike Harcourt

A community activist, Simpson chaired the mayor's Campaign for Family Relief in 1984-85 when Mike Harcourt, the current leader of the provincial NDP, was mayor of Vancouver.

He was awarded a citation from the International Red Cross for his effort in mobilizing British Columbians in the fight against African famine and was recently awarded an Order of Canada for his volunteer efforts. "I'm probably the only NDP candidate who has an OC," he commented in a phone interview with The CJN.

Simpson has been actively involved with the Louis Brier Home for the elderly, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Talmud Torah and the Habonim Camp Miriam.

The constituency has a large ethnic mix, with Chinese, East Indians and Germans predominating. The Jewish population, he said, is only about .08 per cent or maybe 20 families.

On Simpson's campaign platform is a pledge to press for the rights of minorities within a legislated code which will enable easier prosecution of those who publish hate literature. He said anti-Semitic forces are at work in parts of Vancouver and that the province is ripe for an invasion of the Ku Klux Klan from neighboring Alberta.

Baker, who is running against Simpson, has been active in Vancouver politics since 1978 when he was first elected as a school trustee under the banner of the Non-Partisan Association (NPA), a civic coalition of Liberals and Conservatives. He ran for the mayoralty against Harcourt in 1982 but was defeated. However, he was elected to the city council in 1986 and re-elected in 1988, gaining second spot with 63,000 votes. (Vancouver does not have a ward system — the council is elected from the city at large).

Baker had a falling out with the NPA caucus and was dumped from the slate during last year's election. He ran as an independent and lost.

Baker, who told The CJN he "tends to be on the conservative side," joined Social Credit in 1988 and said he feels comfortable in the party (The Social Credit has dropped a Christianity clause from its constitution.) He won the Fraserview nomination by acclamation.

Discussing the problems of Bill Vander Zalm, who had to resign in April because of conflict of interest

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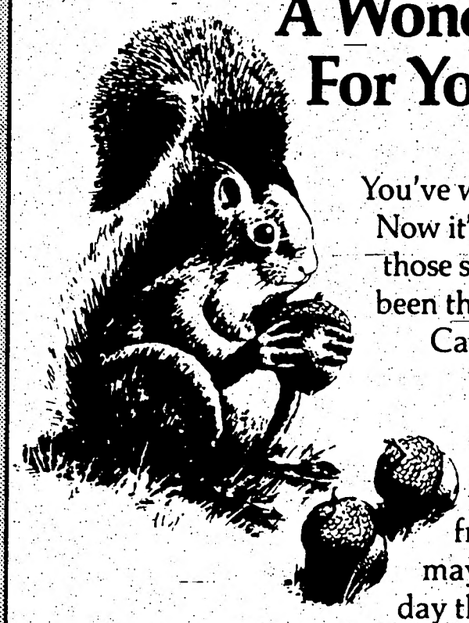

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MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

As the former editor of *The Canadian Jewish News* and before that, *Maclean Hunter* editor, I got used to the idea of being strictly apolitical in the editorial columns. This was no hardship because I have never been devoted to a particular political ideology.

When I lived in Winnipeg, before coming to Toronto, I voted Liberal, even though we were in North Winnipeg which for years was an NDP (and CCF) stronghold. In Toronto I found that Jews were active in and voted for all political parties. So soon I adopted the fairly safe policy of asking myself: Is it (the party) good for the Jews? and, Do I like the candidate?

Thus, during my 40-year residence in Toronto, I voted Liberal, Conservative and NDP, in provincial and federal elections. Federally, I voted NDP because the candidate in my riding was none other than David Lewis — and how could you vote against him?

Well, now I'm in British Columbia and facing my first provincial election and I have no yardstick to fall back on. I'm in a quandary as to whether I'll vote NDP (which is leading the race at present) or go along with Social Credit. The Liberals and the Green Party are running too, but as they have no representation in the Legislature, I'll forget about them. The Conservatives? Nobody here knows anything about them on a provincial level.

Before moving here I, like many others living in Central Canada, had the notion that the Socreds were a bunch of kooks — and had a history of anti-Semitism. I found out that the Socreds supported private schools, including the Jewish day schools in Vancouver; that they contributed generously via the lottery fund to the

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apologized and the premier dumped the cabinet minister. Shortly after, the party revised its constitution and dropped the Christianity clause.

But the damage had been done. Stephen Hume, a senior writer for the *Vancouver Sun*, did a piece recalling the birth of Social Credit in Alberta and its "prevasive current of anti-Semitism." He reminded the readers that Jim Keegstra had been active in Social Credit for 30 years "while teaching anti-Semitic theories in Alberta high schools."

There was a big fuss in Socred circles . . . but it all died down as the party prepared for the 1991 elections.

And now? We have the candidate who was trying for Vander Zalm's seat in Richmond, a Vancouver suburb with a large Jewish population, revealed as a researcher who tried to give evidence in favor of Ernst Zundel. The party acted when the news was revealed on Sept. 23 — and John Ball, the candidate, was forced to resign. A new candidate is to be chosen shortly.

Premier Rita Johnston, who was on the campaign trail when the Ball affair blew up, didn't have much to say about it because, apparently, her advisors were caught short and couldn't prepare anything for her. There's also the fact that Premier Johnston, who got involved in politics with Vander Zalm as her mentor, had nothing to say about the Christianity clause when that row broke out. At least Vander Zalm said at the time he didn't care if the Christianity clause was dumped.

Restored synagogue

Jewish Community Centres in Victoria, Vancouver and Kelowna; that placing a menorah in the lobby of the Parliament Buildings at Chanukah was part of the protocol of the B.C. government; that the government had helped financially and with manpower in restoring the historic synagogue in Victoria and declared it a heritage building even though it occupies a valuable piece of real estate in the heart of the business section; that there were Jewish judges and professors — and generally, that it was hard to find many negatives to the question, Is it good for the Jews?

Sure, there were plenty of scandals and resignations from the cabinet — and eventually even Premier Bill Vander Zalm has to resign because of conflict of interest (and has had criminal charges laid against him). But this has nothing to do with the Jewish question.

I found also that the Socreds had a good many Jewish financial supporters and learned at a cocktail party, held in honor of a visiting Israeli, that the host was one of the chief Socred fundraisers, and many of his guests were top Socred officials.

I spoke to a Jewish friend here in Victoria just a few days ago and he assured me that anti-Semitism was not part of the Socred policy and that multiculturalism played an important role. He noted, however, that he wouldn't vote Socred this time (on Oct. 17), despite the fact he has been a supporter during all his years in British Columbia, because, he explained, the government was sloppy and indifferent and had made too many mistakes.

The anti-Semitism label dated back to the early days of "Bible Bill" Aberhart, of Alberta, my friend said, but it didn't apply here because the first Social Credit premier in British Columbia, W. A. C. Bennett, adopted the Social Credit name, rather than Conservative, because it helped sell the party to the public.

And the gimmick worked, because the Socreds have been in power for a long time, with the exception of a three-year "aberration" when the NDP, under Jewish leader Dave Barrett, formed the government.

But as good as all this sounded, the thought kept nagging at me that the Socreds weren't really all that friendly to the Jews. After all, one of the planks of their constitution was that party members adhere to Christian principles.

And then came the party's annual meeting in October of 1989, when a Jewish delegate, Michael Levy, moved to have the Christianity clause stricken from the constitution. He was literally jeered out of the convention hall and the next morning, at a convention breakfast, both the premier and a cabinet minister told ethnic jokes, poking fun at Jews and Chinese. Both

Harcourt "nice guy"

So now I must ask: Is the Social Credit Party good for the Jews? I have doubts. But at the same time, I must raise the question: How can the NDP tolerate Svend Robinson, who is a Vancouver MP and as the federal party's external affairs critic, is pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel.

True, Mike Harcourt, the provincial NDP leader, is seen as a "nice guy," who served successfully as mayor of Vancouver but who seems to be trying harder to woo the business vote than the multicultural vote.

As for my criterion of how I like the candidate in my riding, all I can say is that she's Gretchen Brewin, a former Victoria mayor, and the separated wife of John Brewin, NDP MP for Victoria. I've met Gretchen only once but don't know much about her. A nice lady, I'm told, but is that enough to inspire me to vote for her? She was rather uninspiring as the mayor of Victoria.

As for the three major daily newspapers (two in Vancouver and one in Victoria), none seems to like the Socreds and yet none has come out for the NDP.

If J. B. Salsberg was writing this piece, he'd likely say "Oy vey, what do I do?" I'm asking the same question.

Jews seek B.C. seats

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charges, Baker told the *Jewish Western Bulletin* in an earlier interview that the former premier "made some mistakes. I have made some mistakes. Anybody who hasn't made some mistakes should run for Pope."

But he admitted that after knocking on many doors of constituents, he has learned that there is an antipathy towards Social Credit because of Vander Zalm, but at the same time, he claimed, many don't want to vote NDP and have told him they won't vote at all.

"The big job," he said in a CJN phone interview, "is to persuade the people to take advantage of their right to vote. I tell them that people are dying all over the world for that privilege and that it shouldn't be taken lightly."

Baker said he will emphasize that Social Credit has provided good government, pointing out that while many of the states in the United States have gone bankrupt, B.C. has been coming in with balanced budgets.

A lawyer, Baker is not active in the Jewish community but said that his Riga-born father and grandfather were involved in the Zionist movement with such giants as Brandeis, Nordau and Cordoza in the 1920s. Baker was born in Atlantic City, N.J., and came to Vancouver in 1964. He worked as a social planner for the city, took out Canadian citizenship and went into law, specializing in municipal law.

Stuart Hertzog, who hails from Manchester, England and came to Canada in 1986, says he considers himself a non-practising Jew but he was a Habonim member in his younger days and was president of Junior B'nai B'rith in Bournemouth. He worked on a kibbutz just after the Six Day War.

He studied aeronautical engineering at London's Imperial College, and social administration at the London School of Economics. He has worked as a freelance writer, editor and publication designer for over 20 years.

Hertzog is founding member of the Citizens Action Network, a study group concerned with waste management, and he is involved also with the B.C. Environment Network. He was nominated by acclamation by the NDP.

Jewish candidate running under Green Party banner

VANCOUVER —

A Jewish Green party member has joined the provincial election race in British Columbia.

He is Mark Bichin, 20, who is running in Richmond-Steveston, in the Vancouver area.

Bichin is the fourth Jewish candidate to be nominated so far. The others: Bernie Simpson, NDP and Jonathan Baker, Social Credit, who are running against each other in Vancouver-Fraserview; and Stuart Hertzog, NDP, who is running in Vancouver-Quilchena.

The federal treasurer of the Green party, Bichin is from a Latvian Jewish family that came to Canada when he was 4 years old.

Bichin, who speaks Russian fluently, has been living in Richmond for seven years. He attended Vancouver Talmud Torah before attending secondary school and then college, where he studied physics. He is hoping to get his PhD in physics "some day."

Describing himself as "more of an activist than a politician," Bichin said the Green party represents more than ecological issues — which are a big factor in British Columbia. "Our constitution," he said recently, "deals with many matters, such as feminism and economic policy."

He admits he is "not religious" at present, but was associated with the Lubavitcher when he was younger and he proudly wears a gold Magen David around his neck when on the hustings.

Bichin said his party is growing and donations are coming in at a good pace. He's not sure if he has a chance of winning but wants to "get the message out" to the public of the work of the Greens.

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מיט אַ פאָר חדשים צוריק, זונטיק, דעם פינפטן מאַי, בין איך בייגעווען ביי דער דערעפענונג פון דער שלום עליכם אויסשטעלונג.

ביים סוף פון די דערעפענונג־צערעמאָניעס האָט אַ גרופּע קינדער פון פערטן קלאַס אין דער ביאַליק שולע געזונגען צוויי יידישע לידער.

צווישן די אָנווועזנדע האָט זיך געפונען אַ געוועזענע יידיש־לערערין פון רוסלאַנד. די האָט אין גאַנצן געלערנט צוויי יאָר יידיש וועגן מען האָט, אין 1938, פאַרמאַכט דאָרט די יידישע שולן. מער האָט זי קיין יידיש נישט געטאָרט לערנען. איצט איז זי אין קאַנאַדע אַ קורצע צייט אוֹן הערנדיק ווי קינדער זינגען יידישע לידער האָט זי זיך צעווויינט.

ווי גליקלעך מיר זיינען, וואָס מיר לעבן אין אַ פריי לאַנד, וווּ יעדער איינער קען אָנהאַלטן זיין אייגענע קולטור אָן שטערונג! ווי מזל־דיק מיר זיינען, וואָס מיר קענען רידן, פראַנק אוֹן פריי, אויף אונדזער יידישער שפראַך אוֹן קינדער קענען אויפטרעטן ביי אַן אונטערנעמונג מיטן יידישן וואָרט!

אָבער איז דאָס טאַקע די ווירקלעכקייט? זיינען טאַקע פאַראַנען גינסטיקע באַדינגונגען ביי אונדז אין שטאָט צו לערנען יידיש?

אין אַזאַ שטאָט ווי טאָראָנטאָ איז דאָ איין יידישע וועלטלעכע טאָג־שולע אין וועלכער עם ווערט געלערנט דער לימוד יידיש. די קליינע קינדער, וועלכע האָבן געזונגען יידישע לידער זונטיק אין דער פרי, לערנען אין גאַנצן אָנדערטהאַלבן שעה יידיש אַ וואָך.

וואָס הייסט בכלל לערנען יידיש? וועמען איך גיי אַריין אין אַ קלאַס לערנען יידיש, קום איך נישט אַריין לערנען בלויז אַ לימוד, אַ שפראַך. איך קום אַריין מיט אַ גאַנצער קולטור הינטער זיך; מיט אַ ליטעראַטור; מיט אַ געפיל און אַ טעם, וואָס קען נישט ווערן איבערגעגעבן ווי סתם אַ לעקציע פון ווערטער און גראַמאַטיק. לערנען קינדער יידיש, מיינט זיך טיילן מיט זיי מיט פאַרשיידענע אַספעקטן פון יידישן לעבן.

ווי טוט מען דאָס? איך קען בלויז איבערגעבן פון מיין אייגענער דערפאַרונג.

מיר הייבן אָן לערנען יידיש אין ביאַליק, אין דריטן קלאַס. ווי פריער געזאָגט, איז יידיש ביי מיר נישט סתם קיין לימוד און איך באַמי זיך גלייך איבערצוגעבן מיין ליבשאַפט צו יידיש צו די קינדער: מיט אַ ליד, מיט אַ שפיל, מיט אַ מעשה־לע. איך פרוביר זיי צו פאַרבינדן מיטן נעכטן, וועמ יידיש האָט געבליט, אָבער גלייכצייטיק ווייזן זיי ווי יידיש קען אויך זיין אַ מאָדערנע און היינט־טאָגיקע שפראַך. וועמ זאָגט, אַז אויף יידיש קען מען בלויז רידן וועגן דער פאַרגאַנגענהייט? ביי מיר אין די קלאַסן רידן די העלדן־פון היינטיקע טעג אויף יידיש. העלדן ווי „טשאַרלי בראַון" אוֹן „סנופּי" אוֹן אַפילו „באַרט סימפּסאָן" קומען אַריין צו אונדז אין קלאַסן אָנצוזאָגן די קינדער, אַז זיי פירן זיך אויף גוט, אויף יידיש. אויב „באַבאַר", דער פראַנצויזישער עלעפאַנט, קען רידן ענגליש, קען ער דאָך זיכער רידן יידיש אויך. אין אונדזערע קלאַסן וועמ דער היינט מיטן נעכטן אינטעגרירט.

צו לערנען אַ שפראַך מוז מען אָבער אויך לערנען וועמ־טער אוֹן גראַמאַטיק. אָן דעם קען מען קיין שפראַך נישט אויסלערנען. מען מוז קענען אויסלייגן וועמ־טער, צונויפשטעלן אַ זאַץ, לייענען, שרייבן, רידן אוֹן פאַרשטיין. דאָס אַלץ נעמט צייט אוֹן דאָס פעלט אונדז — די צייט. וואָס העכער די קלאַסן, אַלץ מער דאַרף מען אַריינפאַסן אין די זעלבע ראַמען פון צייט.

ווי ווונדערבאַר עס איז, וועמ מען קומט צו אַ רעדע־פאַרמעסט אָדער גראַדוירונג־אוֹן מען הערט קינדער רידן יידיש. אָבער וועמ פון די צוהערער גיט זיך אָפּ אַ רעכענונג, וויפל אַרבעט עס גייט אַריין אין דעם, ביז אַ קינד דערגרייכט די מדרגה.

עס איז דער חוב פון דער יידישער קהילה צו פאַרזיכערן, אַז יידישע קינדער זאָלן זיך קענען לערנען זייער אייגענע שפראַך — מאַמע־לשון — אין אַלע יידישע טאָג־שולן!

Bilingual school thrives in Melbourne

By JASON BERMAN

MELBOURNE, Australia —

Having spent the preceding two months in a country where there is enough English prose on a box of corn flakes to last well into the second bowl, the first thing that struck me about the Sholem Aleichem school in Melbourne was that everything was bilingual. Classrooms, the principal's office, the library — every room was clearly labelled in Yiddish and English. The bulletin boards displaying students' artwork, commemorative plaques, even the labels on the washroom doors were all bilingual.

The Sholem Aleichem School is a Jewish elementary school in Melbourne. It has been run for over 50 years by Melbourne's Jewish Labor Bund organization and offers a full curriculum for students from preparatory class (junior kindergarten) through to Grade 6. The curriculum includes the full elementary program as stipulated by Melbourne's state of Victoria in addition to an in-depth coverage of Jewish history and culture, and Yiddish and Hebrew language studies.

The Sholem Aleichem School — or simply Sholem (Australians are compulsive abbreviators) — is unique in Melbourne, and in the rest of Australia, in two significant respects.

First, while Sholem Aleichem is fully a Jewish school, teaching Jewish history and traditions, celebrating Jewish holidays and festivals, and commemorating less festive dates, it is the only school in Melbourne that leaves the issue of religious observance to the students and their families.

Melbourne's Jewish community, while small by our standards, is very active and supports many Jewish schools. Of these schools, however, only Sholem Aleichem is not run by, or affiliated with, a synagogue or religious movement.

Melbourne's Jewish schools cover the entire spectrum of religious orientation. There is an ultra-Orthodox yeshiva, and an affiliated girls' school. Some schools represent orthodox Judaism. Most prominent among these schools is Mount Scopus College. Scopus has an enrolment of over two thousand students and is proud to be the largest Jewish school "in the Southern Hemisphere."

Offering Yiddish as an option in grades 9 and 10, Mount Scopus is the only day school, other than Sholem Aleichem, where Yiddish is taught at all. There are also schools representing or run by Conservative and Liberal (Reform) congregations.

History taught

At Sholem Aleichem, traditional Jewish history, including biblical accounts, is taught in conjunction with a modern secular curriculum. Students are not required to show any level of religious observance, but neither are they disabused of any religious attitudes they do possess.

The second respect in which Sholem Aleichem stands out in Melbourne, and probably in the world, is in its approach to Yiddish. Most Jewish schools, in Australia and abroad, have — if they even acknowledge its existence — a tendency to treat Yiddish with the patronizing touch due to a quaint relic of a bygone age. Diametrically opposed to this approach, Sholem Aleichem has realized that in order to instill love and respect for the Yiddish language in students, they must treat that language with the dignity it deserves as a thriving and vital part of our culture.

This attitude towards Yiddish goes far beyond the bilingual signs, whiich are merely one product of a sincere respect for Yiddish rather than hollow lip-service to it. The prep and kindergarten classes are run entirely in Yiddish. While admittedly few of the 25 to 30 students starting out in prep each year speak Yiddish at home, they all participate in two full years of Yiddish instruction before any other language is added to the curriculum.

Once in elementary school, instruction is in both Yiddish and English. The students receive over six hours a week of Yiddish instruction in addition to weekly Yiddish assembly programs. Not only is Yiddish language — reading, writing, and vocabulary — taught but Jewish history and traditions are taught in Yiddish as well.

I attended a Grade 1 class and was immediately struck by the symmetry of the classroom. There are blackboards and bulletin boards at each end of the class. Looking to my right as I entered the classroom I saw the familiar array of letters of the alphabet and pictures of the seasons and the weather just as I remember from my youth — all labeled in English. On my left, as though through an English-Yiddish mirror, was the Yiddish alphabet and similar pictures all with Yiddish labels.

Nowhere in this school is there anything to suggest that Yiddish is not as important as math, English, or Hebrew which is taught beginning in Grade 3. Yiddish is genuinely important to the school's administration and staff. The students, who cannot fail to be aware of the attitudes of their teachers and administration, are thus imbued with a genuine love for the language.

Jason Berman, whose mother Anna authored this edition's Yiddish column, has been working temporarily in Australia.

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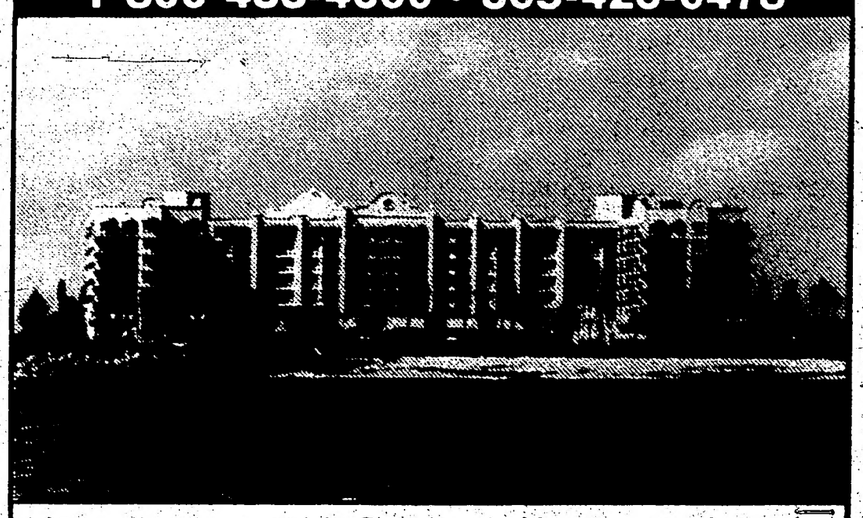
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By
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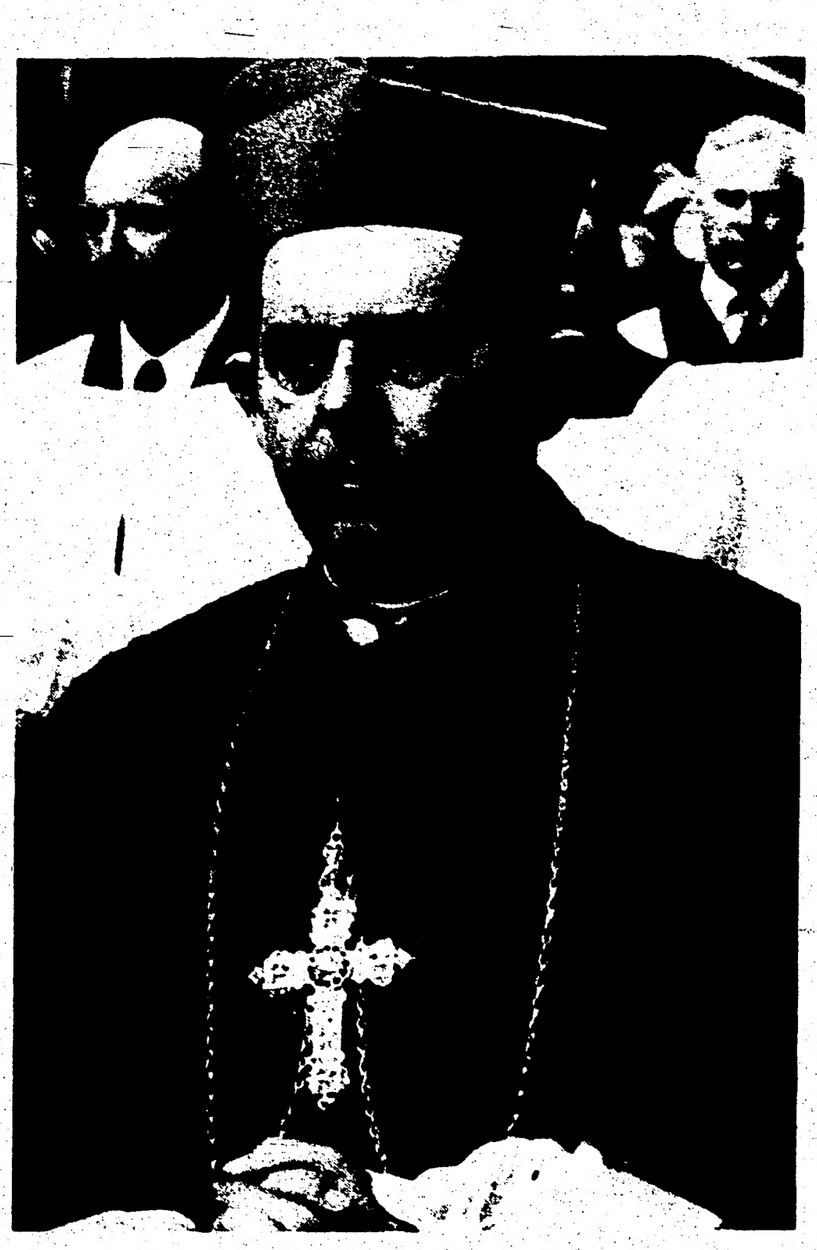

Cardinal Jozef Glemp

CHICAGO —

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Primate of Poland, has promised to find out why a Canadian memorial plaque to victims of Auschwitz has been removed from the ruins of crematorium No. 4 at the former camp.

He gave this assurance to two Canadians who met him here and at the same time he said he would ask why there is no sign at Auschwitz informing visitors that more than 2,000,000 Jews died there.

Rev. Waldemar Chrostowski, a professor at Warsaw University, is Glemp's representative on the State Museum of Auschwitz.

It was Cardinal Glemp who became involved in the heated controversy about a convent at Auschwitz, stating at one time that Jewish representatives were about to kill the nuns there. He later apologized for that remark.

Glemp met with Sigmund Sobolewski, a Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, who resides in Fort Assiniboine, Alta., and Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum of Calgary.

Sobolewski told *The CJN* that Glemp became "visibly angry" when they raised the issue of an official guide booklet put out by the Museum which states that medical sterilization experiments were carried out on Slavic women, rather than on Jewish men and women.

"Glemp was certain that Polish women were also used as guinea pigs, which is a fact, but not in the sterilization attempts and not in Block No. 10 of Stammlager," Sobolewski said.

"I do not believe that Glemp is anti-Semitic but I also do not believe that he succeeded to change his negative image among Canadian or American Jews."

The question of whether Jewish organizations should meet with Cardinal Glemp on his trip to the United States caused so much division that Seymour Reich, former international president of B'nai Brith, resigned as chairman of an international commission which deals with relations between the Vatican and Jews.

While the Cardinal was in the United States, Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York served him with papers concerning a libel suit by Rabbi Weiss against him over the Auschwitz convent statement.

The Canadian memorial plaque was specifically in honor of 452 Jewish prisoners who were executed after they rebelled at Birkenau and caused the destruction of crematorium No. 4. Sobolewski and Tanenbaum told Glemp that a plaque for French Catholics near the Canadian plaque was left standing while the Canadian one was removed.

Sobolewski received a copy of a letter from Rev. Gregory Baum of McGill University to Cardinal Glemp complaining that the Museum guide booklet made it appear that Poles, not Jews, were the main victims at Auschwitz.

Sobolewski said he was criticized by some Jews in Chicago because a photo in the *Chicago Tribune* showed him on his knees kissing Glemp's ring. But, he explained to *The CJN* that as a Catholic it was the right thing for him to do.

Along with Tanenbaum, Sobolewski, dressed in the striped prison garb of Auschwitz, was waiting for Glemp to arrive at the meeting at the Five Martyrs Roman Catholic Church in the Polish district of southwest Chicago. Glemp was 30 minutes late.

"While we were waiting, a tall, gray-haired man walked by raising his hand in a Nazi salute," Sobolewski said. "When Rabbi Tanenbaum mentioned that Auschwitz is one huge Jewish cemetery, another Pole standing by interjected, 'No, it is a Polish cemetery.'

"Michal Kuch, a tycoon of the Polish media, angrily censured me, shouting, 'No, it is impossible that the majority of Auschwitz victims were Jews.' He said he lived 20 kilometres from Auschwitz and was convinced that more than half the victims were Poles."

Ukraine glorifies SS members

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO

In the cities of Lvov, Tarnopol and Ivana Frankovska, local communities have erected monuments and plaques glorifying the Ukrainian SS.

Near Babi Yar, the ravine outside Kiev where more than 33,000 Jews were murdered by Nazi forces, 1,000 Ukrainian nationalists protested "the takeover of a Ukrainian atrocity by the Jews."

In Ivana and Chervonograd, local officials have decided to rename the towns' main thoroughfares after Stepan Bandera, the wartime nationalist leader whose ideology also included anti-Semitism.

And across Ukraine, local communities are implementing a republic law passed in April by granting blanket amnesties to 50,000 applicants convicted by Soviet courts.

For the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC), the pattern being played out in Ukraine is troubling. And the wholesale "rehabilitations" bear a disturbing resemblance to those granted by the newly independent government of Lithuania, which forgave the crimes of units responsible for some of the worst atrocities of the Holocaust.

What concerns SWC spokesman Rabbi Abraham Cooper is that there appears to be no procedure in place in Ukraine to determine whether those given amnesty were in fact guilty of atrocities during the Second World War.

Local committees endorsed decisions

So far, an average of about 10,000 people per month are being rehabilitated, Cooper told *The CJN*.

"The numbers of people are so vast, we simply ask if there is a mechanism to check those rehabilitated against lists of war criminals."

The SWC learned of the large numbers when its European director, Shimon Samuels, met with Ukraine procurator-general Victor Shishkin.

"The Centre has learned that local rehabilitation committees consisting of mayors, town procurators and KGB officials were endorsing mass rehabilitations which were then stamped in Kiev," Samuels said in a news release.

"Nowhere was there any indication that any mechanism to properly check possible [war] criminal activity. . . was in place or even being contemplated by the procurator-general.

"The Ukrainian official deflected the Centre's request for just such a mechanism by asserting that [it] would have to be enacted by the legislature which convenes on Dec. 1."

Cooper said one must have sympathy with the Baltic and Ukrainian peoples' desires to control their own destinies, but there seems to be a rush in these areas to find that anything done by the Soviets is inherently invalid. While the people in these republics want to feel proud of their national heritage, the Centre believes that shouldn't be done by exonerating "those who voluntarily murdered their neighbors," Cooper said.

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Russian Aliya and Peace or Settlements on the West Bank

Dear Mr. Shamir,

During the past two years we have all witnessed the momentous historic event of the immigration of tens of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union. The absorption of this aliya must be the first priority of the State and of Zionism today.

In the past months we have expressed our hope that the United States would not have to resort to delaying support for absorption as a reaction to the government's policy concerning settlements. Still, we warned the government that the continuation of settlements would not only endanger the progress of the peace process but would cause a drastic American reaction to the aliya absorption.

It was not the United States which created the linkage between aliya and settlements. Rather your policies and statement that a "greater aliya necessitates the greater Israel" which created the linkage.

The friendship of the United States was one of our greatest assets during the 43 years of Israel's existence. Through your militancy you may negate this asset and turn the friendly attitude of the United States to one of hostility. It is certainly clear that the peace process and settlement process are opposites: if there are to be settlements then there will be no peace, and if there be peace then there will be no settlements. Nor will negotiations be able to commence, and if they do they will not develop as long as settlements are being built and expanded. It is not possible to talk and settle at the same time, since if settlements continue then there is nothing to discuss.

We call upon you to give preference to aliya and to peace, and therefore to cease the establishment of new settlements and the thickening of existing ones. If not, the failure of aliya and the missing of the opportunity for peace will be your historic responsibility. Only a clear statement regarding a change in the policy of settlements can result in a cancellation of the delay in American loan guarantees, which are a critical and immediate need for Israel.

We call upon you to pave the way to true and serious peace talks, and remove the obstacle which you have created to receiving the American guarantees.

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CANADIAN FRIENDS OF PEACE NOW

Israel

Land for peace receives support

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
A majority of Likud's Central Committee would trade territory for peace, a formula sharply at variance with official party policy, according to a secret poll taken six weeks ago.

The surprising results, published Sunday in the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*, were based on a survey of 730 of the Central Committee's 3,000 members.

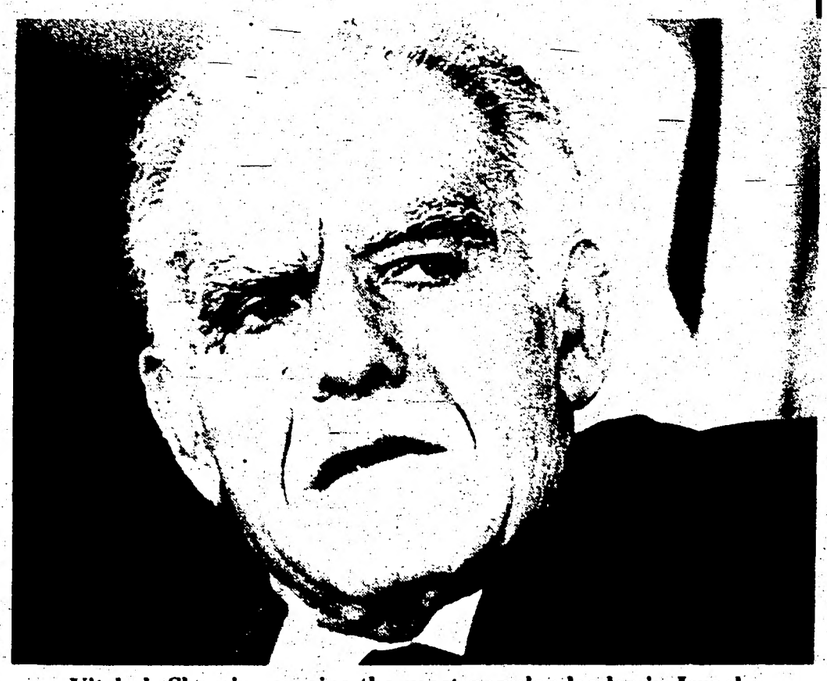
Presumably they are a representative sampling of the governing party's central body, which elects the leadership and is called on to approve or reject its policies.

The poll showed that 53 per cent would be ready to give up parts of the Golan Heights for a peace treaty with Syria, provided the surrendered area was demilitarized; 42 per cent would oppose any territorial concessions there and 4.3 per cent would return all of the Golan to Syria in exchange for peace.

The poll showed that 44 per cent was willing to cede parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip for peace with Jordan and the Palestinians.

Political observers pointed out that if the body of Likud opinion favoring concessions was added to similar views in the Labor and left-wing opposition parties, it would command a large majority in the Knesset.

The poll disclosed further that 48 per cent of the Central Committee members questioned said they would be willing to accept a freeze on new settlements in the territories during a Middle East peace conference, though only four per cent said they would accept a freeze on moving new settlers to existing settlements.



Yitzhak Shamir remains the most popular leader in Israel.

While 58 per cent of the respondents opposed any form of Palestinian state, 20 per cent were prepared to accept such a state in the territories or parts thereof, after a peace treaty.

Another 34 per cent favored some form of Jordanian-Palestine federation.

The poll also indicates that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir remains far and away the most popular leader. Of the Central Committee members polled, 71 per cent said they would support him should he choose to seek another term as prime minister.

Only 11 per cent would support a bid by Foreign Minister David Levy, who was followed closely by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon with 10.8 per cent backing.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens polled only five per cent support if he were to stand against Shamir. But if Shamir decided not to run, Arens would be backed by 34 per cent, Sharon by 27 per cent, Levy by 25 per cent and Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu by three per cent.

Support for other Likud figures was negligible, even with Shamir our of the race.

Kollek opposes housing plan

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
The Housing Ministry, urged on by religious activists, is engaged in a major new project aimed at settling Jews in Arab-populated areas of East Jerusalem.

According to the Jerusalem weekly *Kol Ha'ir*, new Jewish neighborhoods will be built on land confiscated by the state when Jerusalem was reunified in 1967.

The plan has the enthusiastic support of Ateret Cohanim, a yeshiva in the Old City. It was drafted by Shmuel Meir, a National Religious Party leader in Jerusalem, who convinced Housing Minister Ariel Sharon to adopt it.

The plan is clearly intended to advance demographic changes in the city by driving Jewish wedges into existing Arab neighborhoods. Previously, that goal was achieved by encircling the Arab neighborhoods with massive Jewish housing projects.

The new plan is opposed by Mayor Teddy Kollek, who argues that the same end could be achieved by less provocative means.

But the 80-year-old mayor has been deserted by a majority of the City Council on this issue. In any event, the Housing Ministry is authorized to approve any project of over 200 units.

The plan calls for the construction of 4,000 new housing units on four plots aggregating about 1,100 acres. The area includes 40 acres of Wadi Joz, an Arab community at the foot of the Mount of Olives.

An accelerated licensing process, speeded up to facilitate housing for new immigrants, is now advancing the East Jerusalem projects. Sharon claims it is part of a continuing process to build all over Eretz Yisrael, the biblical Land of Israel.

Ariel Sharon

That encompasses the territories, where the issue of settlements is the subject of a tense national debate. But building in East Jerusalem is well within the national consensus.

Kollek's quarrel with Sharon is over the minister's aggressive pursuit of Jewish hegemony.

"We have settled 120,000 Jews in the formerly Jordanian part of the city without much ado," Kollek said. "Now the government jeopardizes past achievements. The exhibitionist activities of Sharon disturb me because in our quiet ways we have accomplished more."

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An Open Letter to All Canadians.

Tuesday, September 24, 1991

My fellow Canadians:

Today in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister is putting forward proposals to renew the Canadian federation.

The proposals are not fixed or final. They are a basis for discussion. Canadians are encouraged to debate them vigorously and openly and suggest how they can be improved so that every Canadian can feel welcome, understood and respected in our own land.

A Special Joint Committee of the House of Commons and Senate will seek the views of Canadians on these proposals. Please participate actively in the Committee's work. It's an opportunity to forge the kind of Canada that can best serve the interests of Canadians now and in the future.

The process of renewing the Canadian partnership will not be easy. Canada was born and built because previous generations understood that unity is the key to prosperity and that the keys to unity are tolerance, compromise and goodwill.

In difficult times, these characteristics are often in short supply but that is when we need them most.

Canadians have the opportunity as never before to create a Canada in which all Canadians can feel at home. Together, we have the opportunity to strengthen this country to make it more prosperous and more responsive to the aspirations of all its people.

I urge you to take part in renewing Canada. It's our country that's at stake.

The Right Honourable Joe Clark,
President of the Privy Council and
Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs.

Canada

Front Line

Richler article shows importance of protecting freedom

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

The hottest property in Montreal a few weeks ago was the issue of the *New Yorker*, featuring Mordecai Richler's article Inside/Outside, a profile of the province of Quebec. Enterprising newsvendors, stripped of the magazines within minutes of its arrival, were selling Xeroxes of the piece at $3.50 a shot.

Ruth R. Wisse

Seldom had any topic so bridged all sectors of the city, which was funny, since the article described the process that was pulling the city apart.

For those who may not yet have read it, Richler's article recounts how successive governments of Quebec enacted successive pieces of legislation to inhibit the use of English in public life, prohibit the use of English in outdoor signs, forbid the teaching of English to Francophone children before the fourth grade, and curtail education in English for those whose parents had not attended English school in Quebec.

Restricting the use of English has been the most dramatic achievement of Quebec nationalism to date, but Richler — never a sentimental writer at the best of times — denies the French Canadians, who pressed for the legislation, any of the admiration and sympathy they think they deserve.

Citing emigration statistics and assorted interviewees, he concludes that whichever way Quebec will eventually vote on the question of independence from Canada, its emphasis on collective survival at the expense of individual rights ensures the continuing decline of Montreal and the exodus of its Anglophone population.

Richler seems to have written the article (part of a larger book) out of a sense of duty. His normally zestful prose falls flat with fatigue in this reprise of recent Quebec history, as though he had forced himself through the research and composition. The article is as depressing to read as it must have been boring to write and though residents of Quebec could not learn from it anything they did not already know, they had to feel discouraged by this confrontation with their political reality in print.

Most Quebecers deal with the repressive laws by pretending they don't exist: Richler did us the service — which some consider the disservice — of reminding us they do..

Since the article is about Quebec, it will not induce in readers elsewhere quite the same heaviness of heart. But it would be a mistake to think that this local issue has no bearing on the rest of North America. What is happening in Quebec points up the extraordinary historical difference between Europe and the democratic "new world" that tried to improve on it, and reminds us that the unique tolerance of the American way of life should by no means be taken for granted on this continent.

Quebec is the first place in North America to use the "protection of the collectivity" as an excuse to limit certain rights of its citizens. In this it follows the model of many a European nation. Jacques Parizeau, leader of the separatist Parti Quebecois since 1987, made the connection explicit when he invoked the newly independent Baltic states as an example of how Quebec might achieve its independence.

He did not appear to appreciate the irony of touting Europe as the model of what North American democrats might aspire to. His recent proposal to limit the number of English radio and television stations in Montreal means that political sovereignty is not his only goal: he wants for Quebec the ethnic and linguistic uniformity to which such countries as Poland still aspire.

Far from eliciting a reciprocal tolerance in its minorities, the English democratic tradition has aroused in at least one minority such powerful envy and resentment that English was singled out for banishment from public view. Instead of striving to outdo the English in political toleration, as one might have hoped they would do, French Quebecers point to their "historic humiliation" at the hands of the English as the justification of their greater intolerance.

Now, something of the same mean tone can be heard in the ongoing American debate on multiculturalism. While no one expects the United States to splinter overnight into separatist communities of blacks, Hispanics, Slavs, Asians, and so forth, those who champion the rights of minorities seldom demand reciprocal tolerance from the minorities they champion. In the name of aggrieved minorities they attack the Anglo-British "establishment" tradition of politics and culture, instead of fostering gratitude for the tradition that allowed the progress of those minorities in the first place.

Quebec, then, may be a test case of minority influence in North America. Despite the obvious differences between Canada and the United States and between French Canada and other minorities, this is the first place where the Anglo-British tradition of toleration has been used to deny that tradition its rights. This is potentially the place where the Balkanization of North America begins.

Rather than read Richler's article as the exotic saga of aberrant Quebec, Americans and Canadians would do better to study it as a possible omen: the Anglo-American freedoms you presently enjoy will not outlast your determination to protect them.

HUMOR

Fax machine over Molotov cocktails

Media are the key in plotting coups

By
LEWIS GROSSBERGER

The recent crisis in the Soviet Union, or whatever they're calling it today, demonstrated that one of the most important factors in a coup now is correct use of the media.

The post-modern coup plotter or foiler can no longer deal only with a few troop commanders but must face a mass audience, many of whom will be so enraged that their favorite soap operas are being pre-empted by news bulletins that they could take to the streets and disrupt tank traffic.

Here are eight valuable media tips for anyone thinking of starting or thwarting a coup:

1 — DO use dramatic symbols as props when making speeches in front of TV cameras. If you choose a tank, however, it is vital to find out how the gunner feels about your politics before climbing aboard.

2 — DO interrupt any strategy session, no matter how urgent, if Diane Sawyer is knocking on your bunker door. Bantering with an American TV star, even for a few seconds, can win you more support than 10 speeches to parliament and a photo shoot with Perez de Cuellar of the United Nations.

3 — DO NOT choose a guy with shaky hands and runny nose to act as spokesperson at your emergency committee's press conference.

4 — DO NOT dress everyone on the committee in an identical gray suit and expression so sour that children from Akron to Zagreb are sent running from the TV screen in tears.

5 — DO consider opening with a stand-up comic to defuse the tension in the room and raise your ratings.

6 — DO keep a video camera hidden in your vacation home at all times in case you need to inform the populace that you have not taken ill but were suddenly surrounded by 6,000 tanks while refereeing a beach volleyball tournament between your in-laws and your bodyguards.

7 — DO NOT fail to make a foolproof plan to get your inspirational home video past the 6,000 tanks. A midget submarine might be effective, for instance, or carrier pigeon. Be imaginative. And quick.

8 — DO remember: One working fax machine is worth 10,000 Molotov cocktails.

(Lewis Grossberger, a columnist for MediaWeek, is author of Read My Clips: Media Person Cuts Up.)

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Growth of democracy will kill UN racism resolution

ANALYSIS

By
ARNOLD AGES

The portrait in the *New York Times* recently of Soviet Foreign Minister Boris D. Pankin speaking at the United Nations in late September was a historical document, as was the caption below.

The Soviet delegate was calling on the UN to repudiate the 1975 Racism equals Zionism resolution "to once and for all leave behind the legacy of the ice age like the obnoxious resolution equating Zionism to racism."

Pankin's statement shows the transformation which has occurred in the official thinking of Soviet diplomacy and charts the 180-degree turn which Moscow has taken since the infamous support of the original resolution in 1975. (The 1947 speech Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko made in favor of the UN partition resolutions was an aberration occasioned by complex anti-British motives.)

The 1975 resolution, which was supported by a coalition of communist, Arab-Muslim and Third World countries represented the darkest moment in the history of the UN because that august organization had conferred, through its vote, its imprimatur on anti-Semitism.

UN watchers commented at the time that the vote was, in part, an expression of anti-Western sentiment and that Israel was the lightning rod for the resentment conveyed in the vote. Daniel Moynihan, the American delegate of that day, said of the vote, that "the ghost of Hitler" had been present at the UN.

In his recent book, *Chutzpah*, Alan Dershowitz says: "Israel is treated by the nations of the world as Jews have been treated by the people of the world. Much of the unjustified international criticism — such as the UN General Assembly's resolution equating Zionism with racism — is simply a manifestation of international anti-Semitism."

Arnold Ages

The fact that not a single democratic country voted in favor of the resolution did not detract from the fact that the world body was now able to tap the not inconsiderable financial resources of the UN to circulate, through its political, social and educational agencies, a vicious slander against Israel and the Jewish people with impunity. The internationalization of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism became a harsh datum with that resolution.

For 16 years now the UN has been an accessory to the promotion of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic views. One commentator has called the UN "an engine of anti-Semitism." Of course, the coalition of anti-Israel countries at the UN did not need the resolution in question to turn that assembly of nations into a forum for the abuse of Israel but the 1975 vote seem to lend it an aura of perverse legitimacy.

No one can gauge, moreover, how much damage has been done to Israel and the Jewish people by the heinous doctrine embedded in the resolution.

The intervention of U.S. President George Bush in seeking the repeal of that infamous document is as welcome as that of the Soviet delegate. Cynics can say, of course, that Bush's September speech at the UN decrying the Zionism-Racism issue was merely part of the carrot-stick approach being used by the American leader towards Israel.

The speech was in the carrot: the stick is the president's refusal to grant the $10 billion loan guarantee while Israel continues to build settlements.

There is probably some truth to this scenario although it should be pointed out that it has been a long-standing policy of the United States government to call for the revocation of the resolution.

In fact, U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle has, since taking office, made a number of vigorous speeches condemning the Zionism-Racism vote. Bush's speech is then quite consistent with American foreign policy even if its timing was suspicious.

What are the chances that a repeal resolution would succeed at the UN now?

While it is true that in the wake of the Gulf War American prestige is at an all time high and that anti-western hysteria has subsided to some extent, there is still substantial backing for the 1975 resolution among the majority non democratic members of the UN.

This includes the Arab-Muslim bloc and many of the Third World countries. That great paragon of international morality, Iran, has already condemned Bush's attempt to "wipe off the stains resulting from Israel's racism."

Clovis Maksoud, the former spokesman for the Arab League in the United States (who resigned his position out of despair over how to handle Saddam Hussein's rape of Kuwait) and now a professor at the American University in Washington, has criticized Bush's "insensitivity" towards the Arabs in promoting the repeal idea. He has described the Bush speech as "a political sop to the Israelis."

Interestingly enough, the official Arab response at the UN has been rather muted. This should not be interpreted as acquiescence. It is most likely that the Arab delegates at the United Nations are now conferring with their allies in order to concert their efforts to defeat the Bush momentum.

They will undoubtedly use their participation at the projected Middle East Peace Conference as an argument against repeal.

It is unlikely therefore that at the current session a repeal vote would be successful. There is no doubt, however, that as democracy spreads throughout the world — even into the interstices of the Arab world some day — the hateful legacy of the 1975 resolution will be finally repudiated.

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Settling differences

It has been said that a nation is a daily referendum. The new constitutional package proposed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is an imperfect instrument but it is one that will nevertheless go a long way in promoting a positive vote on the daily plebiscite that is Canada.

The new federal proposals are broad and complex: they deal with equality, property rights, native self-government, Senate reform, interest rates and federal-provincial jurisdictions. It will require the patience of Job for Canadians to resolve the tensions that inhere in the skein of resolutions included in Ottawa's constitutional package.

On the thorny issue of Quebec as a distinct society, it must be said at the outset that every province considers itself as a distinct society and some will take umbrage at Ottawa's recognition in Quebec of unique characteristics.

The fact, however, is that while all provinces are distinct, Quebec is more distinct than the others. A common history, a common language and a common religion unite les Quebecois in a special way. Add to that the fact that Quebec has a distinct civil legal structure (the Civil Code) embedded in a special French cultural matrix.

In a world in which the thrust for political independence is paramount, Quebec has a strong argument to advance its advocacy of sovereignty. In fact its assertion of a right to an independent destiny is probably much stronger than many of the countries in eastern Europe that are now clamoring for (and receiving) independence.

There is a difference, however, between the possession of a right and the assertion of that right. The constitutional package, in envisaging Quebec as a distinct society, is intended to invite francophone Quebecers to reconsider positively their ties to a Canada that wants Quebec to remain as part of this country. The invitation is a gracious and generous one and may be the last best hope this nation, in its current configuration, has.

The 20th century, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said in 1904, "will be filled by Canada." The fact is that Canada's potential for greatness has only been partially exploited during this century. As the millenium approaches, a renewed social contract with Quebec within confederation is the best promise that the 21st century will truly belong to Canada.

Teddy bears

The world's first scientific conference on teddy bears took place recently at the Beit Ariela Central Library in Tel Aviv. It brought together 20 scholars — ranging from experts in literature, education and clinical psychology to learned rabbis — for a comprehensive look at bears, particularly teddies.

In times past, it turns out, bears did not have the cuddly cute image they enjoy today. Hebrew University professor Dov Noy noted that in many northern countries they were sacred figures and apt to be worshipped. In Eastern Europe and the Near East, however, they tended to be seen as symbols of overindulgence, both as regards food and sex.

Needless to say, there were many papers given on the Jewish attitudes towards bears. In the Bible and Talmud, Rabbi Avidor Hacohen declared, people were sometimes described as having bearlike behavior patterns, and this was not a compliment. At the same time, bears were one symbol of a Messianic future when, it was prophesied, they would live in peace with cows (Isaiah 11:7).

Participants in the meeting also learned that Jews were among those residents of Eastern Europe who wandered around the countryside putting on shows with dancing bears, and that the Yiddish of that area was rich in allusions to bears.

The Jews of Poland and Russia were, of course, well acquainted with bears, but so too — until recently — were the Jews who lived in the Holy Land. According to lecturer Uzi Paz, there were Syrian brown bears wandering around this country until the beginning of the 20th century.

Today, people are most likely to see bears in movies. So Hollywood's treatment of those furry creatures was also dwelt upon — from the era of Charlie Chaplin to that of Walt Disney. Lecturer Zvika Oren was critical of moviemakers, who, he complained, generally portrayed bears as clumsy half-wits.

Since the conference took place in a library, it was only natural that it should be accompanied by an exhibition of hundreds of books about bears and by a display of toy bears (including several from the extensive personal collection of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek).

There is nothing political about the exhibition, though politics, and particularly the Gulf War, had an impact on it. This is reflected in the drawings by leading Israeli illustrators that are on display.

Such drawings do not detract from the joyful nature or the popularity of the exhibition. Each day it is visited by hundreds of delighted children, as well as by a smaller but no less enthusiastic number of nostalgic adults — among them many soldiers.

TO THE EDITOR:

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Mordecai Richler

FROM SATIRE TO DIALOGUE

Mordecai Richler has garnered more attention in the public debate about the future of Quebec than any other Jew. Quebecois sensitivity about the public image of this society of ours is very keen and many talented Jews are among those Quebecois whose professional reach has earned them the attention of international media. The louder and sharper and more negative the words abroad, the stronger their echo here in Quebec.

The Jewish community of Montreal itself still smarts from the sting of its queen bee (certainly no mere wasp) Mr. Richler. Recalling the howls of protest about Richler's portrayals of Montreal Jews, so much more biting than anything he has said about Quebec, could help Jews to identify with Quebecois anger and embarrassment at the New Yorker broadside.

At the same time the comparison helps in recognizing that the humiliation is greater because there is a core of truth in the critique, even while most of the vital and rich life in our society is absent from the satire.

We at Dialogue St. Urbain are particularly aware that the image of anti-Semitism in the new Quebec is misguided and mistaken. Lionel Groulx is more an important metro stop than a living presence in mainstream nationalist thinking in the Quebec of today. What Richler's article glosses over is the essence of the internal Quebecois social revolution: that the closed society including racism, sexism, religious intolerance were major targets of this quiet and not so quiet revolution.

Many Jews are uncomfortable with the political direction of independence but no fair-minded and responsible community leader fears a return to the ideology of the days of Duplessis. Many Jews are strongly opposed to certain legislation used to promote French language, but they also know that this legislation is not the whole story of the modernization and secularization of Quebec.

The massive reaction to the article by Richler has lessons for Quebec which we at Dialogue St. Urbain have started to take to heart, and into practice. First, language is not race. However tough the debate will be about language and culture, no one on either side should allow it to edge over into racial, ethnic, or religious distinction.

Second, the image of Quebec outside of Quebec is much influenced by the words and assessments of its anglophone and Jewish citizens. This puts a burden on both sides to enhance the reality of interaction, and then to communicate more effectively about the positive dimensions in our media, general French language media, Jewish media and English media; eventually the message will get through to New York, and even to Toronto. We are disturbed that neither the Jewish media nor the French major media have paid sufficient attention to the successful attempts at positive interaction that exist and that are coming into being.

Quebecois media have a responsibility to communicate to their readers that Jewish achievement in Montreal is part of the heritage of Quebec as a whole. Montreal Jews have not only been leaving, they have also been investing heavily in building a proud community here. Let us hear more about those who build their life here. And let us hear more about the desire, on both sides, for inclusion: we know it is really there, let it become vocal.

Jewish media and Jewish spokesmen have to be mindful of the responsibility we share for the image of Quebec. It is not to soften criticism when it is due, but to keep comparisons in perspective. Richler has helped to uncover a power the Jewish community has in a situation in which many have felt disempowered: it is the power of communication to the outside.

In this coming period of trial for the future of Quebec and Canada, the Jewish community could use that power effectively. Who better to help explain that Quebec's distinctiveness is a colorful and vital fact of life.

Dialogue St. Urbain:
Hy Goldman, Stephen Cohen,
Joe Rabinovitch, Pierre Anctil,
Jacques Langlais, Louis Rosseau
Montreal

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NO GAMES FOR ASSAD

The issue of Soviet Jewish immigration is only the newest game for U.S. President George Bush. President Bush has linked loan guarantees for the settlement of Soviet Jews in Israel with the peace process. Ostensibly, the major irritant is settlement in territories taken by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

While these settlements are controversial, their future should be negotiated during direct talks between Israel and Arab states, not between Israel and the United States. One issue that has escaped attention during all of these games is the recent Syrian annexation of Lebanon. While Bush was playing with Iraq, Assad was not playing games. He took over Lebanon and installed a puppet government, and has acquired Scud missiles. Mr. President, please stop playing games with the lives of Soviet Jews.

Jack L. Arbiser
Brookline, Ma.

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SHAMIR ROLLS THE DICE

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is rolling the dice in a most dangerous and irresponsible fashion. His refusal to accede to President George Bush's request for a 120-day moratorium on Israel's appeal for financial support is heating up Israeli-American relations and introducing unprecedented tensions into these relations.

Continued expansion of Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem and in the territories sends a negative signal to the Arab world and to the rest of the international community. Israeli government intransigence has thus become a major obstacle to the resolution of the Israeli/Arab/Palestinian differences.

Israel desperately needs peace with its neighbors. Israel desperately needs American financial support to successfully integrate one million Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants. Instead of continually challenging Bush and James Baker, Shamir should welcome their determined efforts to bring Israel and its neighbors to the conference table. This must be a time for peace, not a time for dangerous provocations.

M. Shipman
Toronto
President
Canadian Friends of Peace Now

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WORRIES ARE 'LAUGHABLE'

Nothing epitomizes better the confused and sad state of affairs in the old-time Reform movement than the lamentation by Klaus J. Hermann (CJN, Sept. 3) about his younger confreres reverting to certain forms of Orthodox observances. It is hardly uncommon for protest movements of any kind, after the pendulum has swung too far out, to start returning toward the point of departure in order to arrive at a more balanced position.

The tirade about the horrors of yarmulkes and "bath-towel sized" taleisim, services without organ accompaniment and kosher cakes at post-service receptions, being adopted by young Reform members who chose to "ape" Orthodox Judaism, is plain laughable.

After all, these "renegades" of pure Reform are retracing their steps toward the heritage of their forebears who were all Orthodox. On the other hand, most of the practices of "pure" Reform, from the architecture of the temples and their austere interiors to the format of the services and the circumcised liturgy, are "borrowed" from Protestant Christianity.

Stanley Rossby
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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KALISHER — WERNICK

The Jewish community in the ghetto was well organized and structured and has yielded many surnames:

Kahal, Kalisher — from Kahal, the community.

Parnes — the leader of the Kahal.

Ratner — its counsellor.

Borer — an elector.

Ne'eman (Hebrew), Kassirer (German), Wernick (Russian) — the trustworthy custodian of its funds.

Shulman (German), Skolnik (Slavonic) — the synagogue representative.

Dayan — the head of the tribunal.

Abad — Ab Beth Din — acronym for head of the Beth Din.

Opinion

I have learned that a sneeze is not to be sneezed at ...

By
J. B. SALSBERG

As the residents of all our Bathurst Streets across the country know, my inimitable column did not appear in the last issue of our reknowned publication. That, of course, triggered a wave of speculation among our esteemed readership from coast to coast....

The editor's explanatory "box" under the heading "Postponed" with this author's ever-youthful picture, made matters worse. It advised the readers that "J.B. will not appear this week due to a problem with his proboscis."

My "proboscis?" Who's got a "proboscis?" No one in my family, going back to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, ever had a "proboscis!"

I'm sure that no one on Bathurst Street ever had a "proboscis" so why would I? And, if I have no "proboscis" how could I have "a problem with a "proboscis" that I haven't got?

To get to the bottom of it all I looked up the word "Proboscis" in my Daily-Use Dictionary and found, to my amazement, that a "Proboscis" is "the trunk of an elephant" etc. etc!

This discovery shocked me to my very roots. I couldn't write my weekly column because I was afflicted with "the trunk of an elephant?"

Automatically I repeated what my saintly grandmother, Miriam Sheva, used to say on such confusing situations: "What I dreamed last night, and the night before, and the night before that night, should fall upon all wild forests (veesteh velder). Amen."

A Proboscis?!

OK, my esteemed and loyal readers, I will tell you what *really* happened and the heck with Proboscis!

J.B. Salsberg

It was a beautiful Wednesday morning and I decided to surprise and please the editor of our paper by handing in my weekly masterpiece a day earlier than usual.

The typewriter was on the table, I had finished my breakfast and I was reading my morning paper. Suddenly, and as they say, out of the blue, I felt the stealthy approaches of a sneeze.

A sneeze is associated in my mind with a pleasurable experience. In my earliest youth every respectable head of a family (male, of course) had an ebony snuff-box, filled with the aromatic snuff. Every respectable synagogue or "shteeble" had such a box on the bimah, from which worshippers were free to help themselves to a sniff and enjoy the sneezes that followed. (Four or five years ago, when speaking at the Minsker shul, in the Spadina-Kensington area, I still found such an ebony snuff box for public consumption.)

Well, to make a long story shorter, there I was in my living room after breakfast and reading when, without the stimulation of snuff, I felt the aproaches of a sneeze. It did come, but to my shock and amazement, *my* left nostril escorted the sneeze with an unstoppable flow of blood. Oy, gevalt, vos tut men? (What do I do?)

I phoned my sister Thelma and asked her to come over. She lives only a couple of blocks away. She came and I suggested that she ask a neighbor, a practising nurse, to come and take over. The good neighbor did and before I could realize what was happening an ambulance team arrived, to be followed by a team of "paramedics," plus neighbors who filled my apartment.

I thanked all but refused the ambulance and my sister took me to my regular medical practitioner, who, after we arrived, ushered us away to a specialist team (a wonderful father and two sons) who did what had to be done to my left nostril, packed it with gauze and sent us away, with the suggestion that we come back the next morning. Which we did and my left nostril is now in better shape than ever it was.

In view of all those circumstances how could I sit down and write the column for last week's issue of our paper? I couldn't. So I phoned the paper and, in the absence of the editor, extended my apologies and explanations to the senior staff member in charge.

And that's how the "Proboscis" business got started when all that happened was an innocent sneeze that burst a blood-vessel, that opened the gateway for a flow of blood that was eager to see the daylight. . . .

OK, but what has all that to do with a "problem with his (meaning me) proboscis?" Don't worry, my esteemed readers, my proboscis (whatever it is) is in normal condition. The experience does, however, provide a few lessons.

First; that a sneeze is not to be sneezed at. . . .

Second; that we are blessed with many wonderful Jewish doctors in Toronto.

Third; that we are fortunate to be Canadians. Had such a minor thing happened in the United States where they don't have "state medicine," it would have cost, as they say, an arm and a leg.

Fourth; It is a blessing to have a family like mine; neighbors like mine and wonderful friends like mine.

It's good to be back.

At least three core categories

Type, number of Jews in world fascinating study

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

How many Jews are there really in the world — in Canada, in the United States, in Israel and elsewhere — and how are the numbers going to change in the coming decades?

To begin with, whom are we counting? Jews obviously, but saying that leads us at once to the question "Who is a Jew?" Those who identify themselves as Jews to the census taker or those who identify themselves as Jews by the halacha? Or, going by Jean-Paul Sartre, those whom people commonly identify as Jews?

These are just some of the fascinating questions raised in an article by Edward Norden in the October issue of *Commentary*, a magazine which with all its shortcomings and predictable leanings is still worth reading.

If you do not have ready access to the journal go to the library and read it there. This article alone will make your trip worthwhile. Here are some of the tidbits:

Norden follows the path-breaking work of Sergio DellaPergola, demographer at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who suggests that there are at least three categories which contain Jews.

One he calls the core group "who when asked, say they are Jews, no matter whether they obey many, some, or none of the commandments . . . and regardless of what any rabbis might say about their mothers or conversions."

Rabbi Plaut

The next, and larger, circle comprises the extended population: those of the core group plus those who have one or two Jewish parents but do not wish to identify as Jews.

"Bigger still is the enlarged population, consisting of the core, the extended and the Gentiles whom people in the first two categories may be living with in the same household."

DellaPergola, in analysing available statistics, confines himself to the core group, and there is little question that these are the people we usually have in mind when we count Jews. So, what does it all add up to?

To start with, there are, according to him, only three countries worth noting, and they comprise 85 per cent of the world Jewish population: Israel, the United States and the Soviet Union. All the rest, and that includes Canada, the author calls "nothing more than fascinating, something very sad, and sometimes not-so-sad, side shows.

All together we are probably fewer than 13 million, which means that we have not made up the loses suffered at Auschwitz. And while quantity is not everything, there is such a thing as a critical mass, and when compared to the totality of humanity there is only one Jew in every 406 people living on the globe; that is, we constitute about one quarter of one per cent. If we are to reach the Torah's hope of being "like the sand at the sea shore" we have a long way to go.

Incidentally, Canada has now overtaken the United Kingdom and ranks fifth after France and the three countries with the bulk of the world's Jews. We may be only a side show, but it's our task to make it the best there is.

Mixed marriage and assimilation are the major threats to Jewish survival, and here Norden produces his most interesting observations (which must be read in full). One the whole he is pessimistic and foresees a smaller Jewish people. Still, the fewer may be very committed, and Norden concludes:

"Numbers in and of themselves do not necessarily a strong or well-adapted people make. Must a smaller Jewish people . . . necessarily be a weaker or more neurotic or less capable or consequential one as it begins its next 4,000 years?"

So much tzorres lately

Meaningless diversion would be welcome about now

By
ELAINE KAHN

A friend mused aloud today that the recession will make us change our values, that we'll come out of it truly kinder and gentler.

No way. I've heard of so much tzorres lately, financial and otherwise, that, for the first time, I really understand not only the craving for Hollywood fantasy in the 1930s, but also the self-indulgent post First World War Roaring Twenties. Our recent boom years were pretty obnoxious, but, when we pulled out of the current mess, I'm going to be more than ready to party, and party hard.

It's a shame we're heading into winter, not silly season spring. We need some funny totally meaningless diversion, other than politicians — you know, eating goldfish, stuffing into phone booths, streaking. All of us, not just Pierre Trudeau, could use some big naches right now.

We've been trying to plan a family fun day with the kids — take in a comedy, laugh in the sunshine, carouse through a museum or two. Luckily, we're all free May 20, 1994 . . .

The pall over our home thickens as the end of the baseball season draws near. My husband and daughters will, at the drop of a bat, explain in solemn detail the skill involved in baseball, its Talmudic rules, its inherent beauty. To them, it even makes sense to be fanatically loyal to a team which, like all others, has so little inner loyalty that the players change faster than the leaves.

For me, a trip to a game, like a visit to the beauty salon, but with better air quality, is a stolen base, a mental time out.

So it was actually me who suggested my husband and I plan our drive from Colorado this summer back through Kansas City, to catch the Blue Jays playing the Royals.

Elaine Kahn

Fearlessly, Larry wore his Jays T-shirt into the stadium. Amazingly, we found ourselves seated beside three people from Winnipeg. Strong in numbers, we belted out "O Canada" at the beginning of the game (OK, so I just mouthed the words, but that's how I coped with two years of school choir after my voice changed and old habits die hard).

We told each other our life stories, said "eh?" together a lot and naturally, with typical Canadian bonhomie, ignored each other when it was time to say goodbye.

The Jays won in the 12th.

Although I usually watch TV only every week or two, for the latest war or coup attempt, I may make some time to watch the pennant races and World Series — it gives me an excuse to knit. I'm making squares.

I've been making squares, in all different colors, for almost two years. It was going to be a baby blanket for whatever friend had a baby first, but all the colors clash. So now I'm using white. All told, I'll end up with enough for about four blankets. Meanwhile, friends keep having babies and I just keep making squares. I'm thinking of having them boxed in batches of six, calling them coasters and bringing them to friends who invite me to dinner.

You see, when I get invited out, I never ask what to bring — I just bring and hope for the best. My friends are more thoughtful than that — they invariably ask. Which gives me palpitations.

What if I say "salad," only to find out months later that they, like me, rate cutting veggies right down there with ironing? Do they want me to suggest something homemade or bought? If I suggest wine, is that asking too much? Is it rude to say "oh, nothing" (let alone probably a lie)?

Over these past yom tovim, I should have been smart and asked for what we really need — a housecall from Billy Crystal or, say he's busy, a really good joke book. Because no one I know is laughing except, perhaps, in some deranged hysterical fashion.

Today I called friends and got their answering machine which, unfortunately for them, allows a message of unlimited length. I listed all the bad news I'd heard today — about half a dozen excellent specimens of illness, misfortune and marital strife, culled from several sources — and told them I hoped they'd have good news when they called back.

The best they could come up with was "We're still married, we weren't in a car accident and we don't have cancer."

I vote it quintessential Jewish joke of 1991.

Those of you heading south for the winter may want to note, for your entertainment and aside from the start of spring training in Dunedin, that a Florida radio station recently decided we are in such deep need of good cheer that, all year round every day from now on, it will play nothing but Christmas and Chanukah songs.

Who's the program director, Torquemada? How many Chanukah songs are there, after all? Three, maybe? How many times a day do you think you can listen to *"Dreidle, Dreidle, Dreidle"* before you'd want to shove your own little spinner into some sensitive part of your radio?

You see how quickly the hostility surfaces lately . . .

It comes from sitting all day on the fence between a crying jag and a laughing fit — and, with me, the latter is far less controllable and probably more frightening to those around me, especially if I'm driving.

I start to laugh for no apparent reason, very loudly and to the point of tears. My face gets red, my little chubby cheeks puff up so full they hurt and there simply is no way to stop me until it's run its course, sometimes as much as half an hour later.

And it's always a sign of tension — my normal laugh is a pathetic little giggle shoved in among the words so I don't have to stop mouthing off.

My husband loves watching my laughing fits — he says it's the most entertaining thing I do.

And he should know.

Features

Marrus takes on "Canadian legend"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

When University of Toronto historian Michael Marrus was asked to write a biography of the late Samuel Bronfman, the legendary Montreal businessman and philanthropist, he was chary.

Marrus, whose specialties include Vichy France and the Holocaust, had "never touched" Canadian, Canadian-Jewish or business history. But the longer he thought about it, the more his appetite for the project grew. "I was approaching the age of 50 and it was time to try something new and quite different," he explained in an interview.

So, with this in mind, Marrus accepted the assignment, and took a two-year leave of absence from the U of T. Next month, four years after he initially discussed the subject with one of Bronfman's sons, Charles, Marrus' book, *Mr. Sam: The Life And Times of Samuel Bronfman* (Penguin), will roll off the presses.

Based on Samuel Bronfman's personal papers and letters, government documents and numerous interviews, *Mr. Sam* charts his rise from obscurity in Brandon, Manitoba, to his leadership of the Distillers Corporation-Seagram Ltd. empire and his presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Describing *Mr. Sam* as a fair and even-handed account of a "true Canadian legend," Marrus takes pains to point out that it is not an "authorized" biography in the usual sense of the word.

"I was very concerned with establishing my independence, which would have to accompany Bronfman family sponsorship of the book," he said. "It was agreed that I would have complete liberty to write it and complete access to all materials, including Sam's personal letters and his business correspondence.

"I agreed to show the family, Phyllis Lambert, Edgar Bronfman and Charles Bronfman, draft copies of the book through a third party, Carl Brauer, an independent consultant and authority on U.S. business history in Cambridge, Mass. I was free to accept or reject their comments, and this is very important.

"We agreed sometimes. We disagreed sometimes. We agreed to disagree sometimes. I received very substantial commentary, in writing, from members of the Bronfman family, and I used their recollections. In the end, I feel comfortable with the degree of full independence I set out to achieve. In no way at all did they censor me. The fact of the matter is that this arrangement worked. At least I think so."

Marrus takes full responsibility for *Mr. Sam*. "The Bronfmans agreed from the beginning that this would be my book and that I alone would take responsibility for its contents."

As he started his research for *Mr. Sam*, Marrus did not believe that his lack of first-hand experience with a Canadian topic would be a disadvantage. Indeed, he felt the reverse could even be true.

As he put it: "I had no prior positions, nor any stake, in the controversial questions surrounding Sam."

He could therefore be objective and dispassionate.

Marrus ticks off the issues which are inextricably linked with Bronfman:

"Sam, to some, was an explosive, tyrannical, vain, utterly self-centred autocrat who terrorized people around him. To others, he was a far-seeing, brilliant, generous, warm-hearted man."

In Marrus' view, Bronfman was a very complex figure who combined both elements. "Beneath his autocratic impulses lurked a very important streak of insecurity. Sam never forgot that he was part of the immigrant generation, that his background was one of considerable poverty, and that, as a Jew and as someone involved in the whisky trade, he was an outsider.

"Sam was a very difficult person to be friendly with. He was brilliant. He could swear like a sailor. His relationship with Sadye, his wife, was one of genuine love."

Bronfman, Marrus goes on to say, was dogged by a "vague imputation" of "very substantial illegality" in the liquor trade before the end of Prohibition in 1933.

Bronfman, in fact, sold whisky to American bootleggers, but the transactions took place in Canada and on the French island of St. Pierre and Miquelon. According to Marrus, vast quantities of Seagram whisky entered the United States from the mid-1920s, and Bronfman must have known about it. In 1934, the Canadian government charged him with smuggling, but in a preliminary hearing, the charges were dismissed. Still, Marrus points out, "the vague imputation (of bootlegging) remained."

While Bronfman's activities did not exacerbate anti-Semitism, a kind of "unspoken anti-Semitism" became part of the accusations of bootlegging against Bronfman, he notes. "Seagram — the only Jewish-owned distiller in Canada — was singled out (for prosecution) because it was a Jewish firm."

Marrus adds that Seagram made "huge profits" during Prohibition but that Bronfman's company really blossomed into a giant after Prohibition was repealed.

Finally, Marrus explored the nature of Bronfman's leadership of the Canadian Jewish Congress from 1939 to 1962.

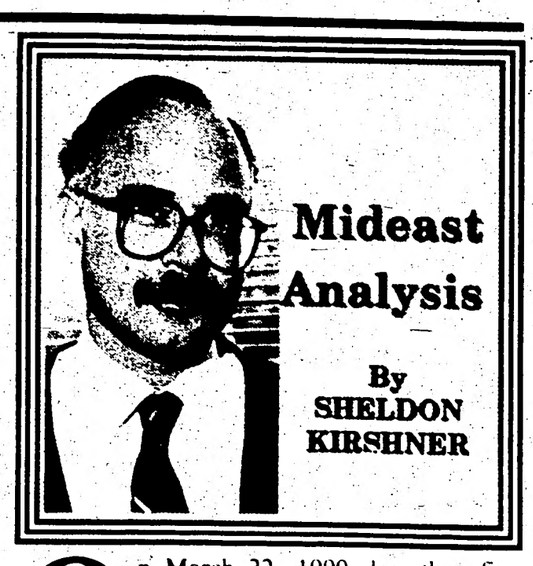
"Sam really built Congress as we know it today. Congress, before 1939, never got off the ground as a national institution with significant clout among Canadian Jews. Sam built up Congress as the single and exclusive organ of Canadian Jewry. He introduced a modern bureaucratic structure to Congress, with Saul Hayes as its executive director and poet A.M. Klein as his eloquent speech writer and advisor on Jewish affairs."

In common with most Canadian Jews before Israel's emergence as a state, Bronfman was not a fervent Zionist. "He raised money for poor Jews in Palestine. He was not very big about supporting Zionist political goals when they clashed with British policy. Sam was an Anglophile." Bronfman, Marrus believes, was converted to political Zionism during the Holocaust, when he realized there was a crying need for a Jewish state.

The Six Day War galvanized him, and Bronfman helped raise prodigious sums of money for Israel during that period.

As he reflects on Bronfman, Marrus seems somewhat in awe of him. "He was a mythic figure, a business genius. He was a Jewish multimillionaire when there were few such persons in Canada. He had a feel for the Jewish masses. He was a kind of Jewish prince."

Samuel Bronfman in the 1930s.



Mideast Analysis

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

On March 22, 1990, less than five months before Iraq's ill-fated invasion of Kuwait, Gerald Bull, a brilliant gun scientist, was assassinated outside the door of his Brussels apartment.

He had been working on a supergun capable of putting satellites into orbit and firing chemical and nuclear weapons at targets up to 1,000 kilometres away. His client was the Iraqi government. As well, the Canadian-born Bull had provided important input into Iraq's missile building program.

Bull, as William Lowther writes in *Arms and the Man* (Doubleday, $27.50), was commonly regarded as the greatest gun scientist of the century.

After graduating from the University of Toronto as its youngest ever PhD recipient and being appointed as McGill's youngest full professor, Bull revolutionized the field of artillery design. He devised guns and shells that fired further, with more killing power and greater accuracy, than anything in existence. He was, in the words of John Pike, a ballistic and missile expert with the Federation of American Scientists, "the greatest artillery genius of his generation... the Wernher von Braun of big gun technology."

Bull's ties with Iraq, the subject of a good part of this well-documented book, were facilitated by a Lebanese arms dealer. In 1987, five years after his first inconclusive trip to Baghdad, the Iraqis expressed an interest in his supergun. Bull was elated, for he had been unable to find a market for it. Prospective buyers like Canada, Israel and China had backed out.

Bull was well-known in Israeli military circles, having delivered seminars in Tel Aviv on ballistics and having sold Israel 155-mm artillery shells through a third party. However, he was convinced that the Arabs were also entitled to sophisticated weapon systems.

Besides, as Lowther notes, the United States had cozied up to Iraq after the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran War, so why couldn't he deal with Saddam Hussein too?

Bull and the supergun

Although Bull was an extremely bright person, he didn't quite realize that his activities on behalf of Iraq would raise fears in Iran and especially in Israel. Bull's son, Michael, warned him that the supergun was a weapon of such fearful potential that it could upset the balance of power in the Middle East. But Bull, in his apparent naivete, insisted that the supergun was for the launching of satellites only. Bull certainly knew that Iraq lacked a reliable delivery system for its stock of poison gas and biological weapons. Why, then, didn't he recognize that Iraq could misuse the supergun for its own dark purposes?

As Lowther implies, Bull may have thought he was safe from an assassin's bullet because he had "a lot of friends in the Israeli military." He had not only produced shells for the Israel Defence Force; he had provided free consulting work "whenever they asked." Lowther, unfortunately, does not elaborate.

To mollify Israel, Bull briefed officials in the Israeli embassy in Paris about his Iraqi project, claiming that the supergun was not really an offensive weapon. They listened politely, and suggested that another meeting be arranged.

According to Lowther, Bull also briefed British intelligence officers, since the key components of the supergun were being manufactured in Britain.

Shortly afterward, Lowther recounts in this readable account, the Israelis contacted Bull and asked for a meeting in his Brussels office. Lowther claims that they used the encounter "to remind Bull" that Israel considered his work in Iraq a direct threat to its national security.

Apparently, Bull didn't take his final conversation with the Israelis sufficiently seriously. He continued to assist Iraq. Several months later, as Bull fumbled for his apartment keys, an intruder with a 7.65-mm pistol fired five shots into the back of his skull, upper spine and neck — killing Bull.

The assassin, who is widely believed to be a member of the Mossad, remains at large. And what of the supergun? United Nations inspectors found a working model in northern Iraq last August. It has been or will be destroyed.

Pepsi, Toyota heading to Israel

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

Within a few months, Israelis will finally be able to drink Pepsi-Cola.

Long dissuaded by the Arab boyott from marketing its products in Israel, Pepsi-Cola has now decided — two decades after archrival Coca-Cola — that it can survive a possible Arab backlash.

Toyota has made a similar decision, which would seem to indicate that the Arab boycott is becoming less effective. But this is not so.

Truth to be told, the Arabs are much less concerned about the sale of consumer goods to Israel than they are about investments by giant overseas companies in Israel or their supplying her with vital know-how. And where these matters are concerned, the boycott remains extremely effective.

During 1990, for example, American companies invested over one billion dollars in Ireland and nearly two billion in New Zealand, two other countries smaller in population than Israel. Yet investments here were well under $200 million, largely because of the Arab boycott.

This is the case even though the United States has a law prohibiting compliance with the boycott, one under which 30 firms were convicted last year. To be sure, they were only fined, in total, a paltry $1 million. Yet this contrasts well with the situation in France, where, despite an anti-boycott statute that has been on the books for 14 years, no company has ever been fined so much as a franc.

The Japanese are worst of all, because their government reportedly advises firms how to observe boycott rules down to the last letter.

While the lack of significant foreign investments is certainly to be regretted, Tullio Sonnino, a leading Israeli technical and economic consultant, believes that this is not the most serious consequence of Israel's economic isolation. Far graver, he says, is that this country is prevented from developing highly profitable service enterprises for which she is uniquely suited.

Sonnino offers a few examples:

- Israel's surfeit of good doctors mean that she could provide Swiss-level medical care at a fraction of Swiss prices;
- Israel's polyglot population qualify it to be a world translation centre;
- Israel's accumulated store of know-how and its strategic location — at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe — make it an ideal location for carrying out ship and plane repairs; and
- Israel's mild winters and varied geography enable it to become a training centre for overseas sportsmen.

Where manufacturing is concerned, Sonnino declares, Israel should ideally concentrate on making key high-value components of a product rather than an entire product — be it an automobile, a bulldozer or a computer. But here again the political situation creates almost insurmountable obstacles.

Major companies will only order components from an outside supplier, Sonnino explains, if they can be absolutely sure that delivery dates will be honored: a single missing component means a paralysed production line. And so long as Israel is perceived as a potential trouble spot, they are loath to rely on it as a supplier.

Like other citizens of Israel, Sonnino appreciates the efforts made by American Jews to fight the Arab boycott, as the result of which Israelis will soon be able to drink Pepsi-Cola and drive Toyotas. But he does not believe Israel's economy will really take off until peace brings an end to the boycott in all its manifestations.

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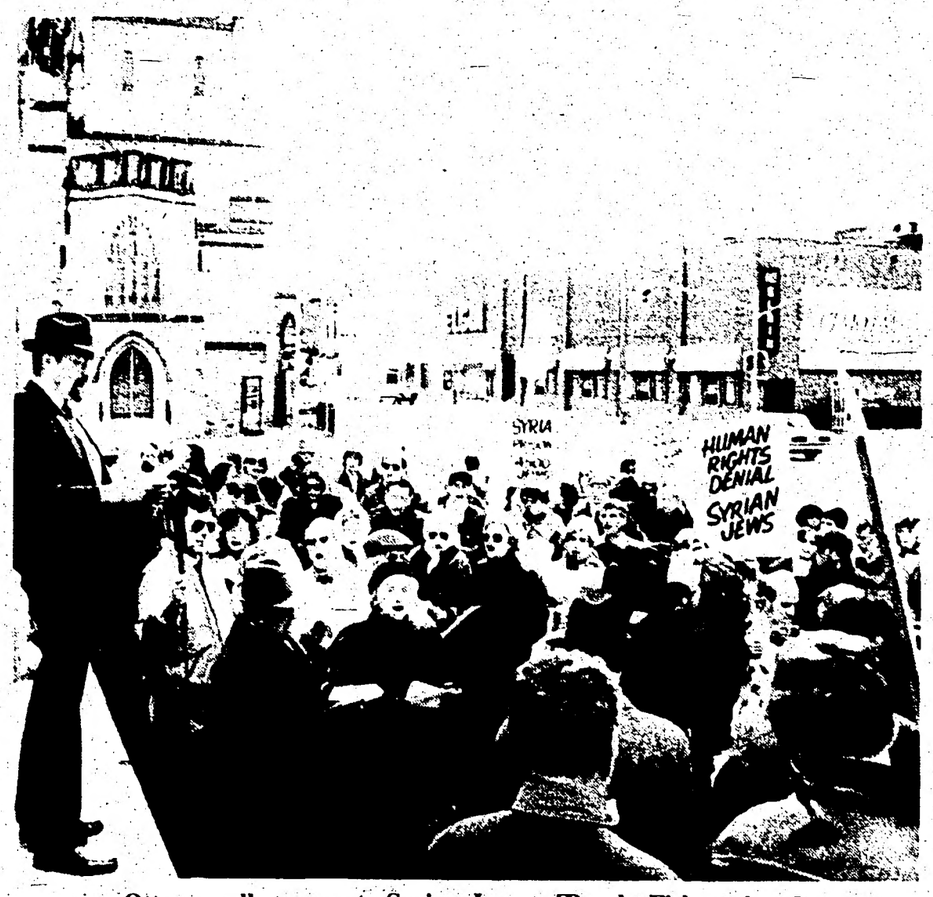

Ottawa rally supports Syrian Jewry. [Randy Fisher photo]

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Quoting a verse from the Bible, federal MP Herb Gray called on Syria to let his people go at a recent rally in the nation's capital.

"Bring out the prisoners from the prison — and them that sit in darkness, out of the prison house," said Gray, a Liberal MP (Windsor West) quoting Isaiah XIII-7-22.

Speaking to approximately 200 at the first annual Simchat Torah rally for Syrian Jewry at the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights in downtown Ottawa on a bitingly cold and windy Sunday afternoon (Sept. 29), Gray implored the Canadian government to demand Syria live up to the spirit of its signed international and human rights obligations and "free up its captive Jewry."

"Now is especially the time for Canada to be more vigorous and outspoken," he said.

Gray also demanded that the issue of Syrian Jewry be inscribed on the international UN agenda and put on the docket of the UN's highly-politicized bloc-voting Committee on Human Rights.

His voice echoing, Machzikei Hadas spiritual leader Rabbi Reuven Bulka was unequivocal. "Our protest is here because the Jews are not allowed to leave," he said. It is a violation of their fundamental human rights and "we will not rest until that right is granted to them," Bulka said.

"They are a weak sister in the whole human rights issue."

The rally's organizers don't want the euphoria of Soviet Jewish emigration to obscure the plight of their brethren in Syria. To this end, they are seeking to mobilize parliamentary support to make it a "forefront issue," said Bulka.

There are 4,500 Jews trapped in Syria, concentrated in the ghettoes of Damascus (3,700), Aleppo (700) and Kamishli (100). "No Jewish emigration is permitted and attempts at illegal escape have ended in imprisonment without charge or trial, harsh interrogation or torture," said a leaflet handed out by the Soviet and World Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

"Outlook for imminent breakthrough not good"

"Jews are denied many civil liberties and are severely restricted economically and in religious education.

"The Mukhabarat, a special branch of the Syrian secret police, is assigned exclusively to monitor the Jewish community's activities," the leaflet said.

Bulka admitted "the outlook for an imminent breakthrough is not good." He expressed hope that it might become an issue at the upcoming peace conference, and that Jewish emigration might be a Syrian quid pro quo for Israel's restraint during the Gulf War.

Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith's director of government relations isn't so sure the Syrian treatment of Jews isn't a priority for Canada. On Sept. 11, a couple of days after Walid Al-Moualem, the Syrian ambassador to Canada and the United States, formally presented his letters of credence to Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn in Quebec City, he met with two senior officials from External Affairs in Ottawa.

"The issue was raised," said External Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore, adding that it was an "ongoing concern" for the department.

In addition, External Affairs has noted some indications of improvements in human rights, he said. This includes a communication from the Chief Rabbi of Damascus that there's been some "relaxation" in restrictions on the emigration for the purposes of family reunification and for single Jewish women, Moore said.

Still, Syria's consistent denial of Jewish rights is plain. And, it's not adhering to the spirit or content of the international agreements it has signed.

The stirring phrase "let our people go" is not far from Kagedan's lips. "If Syria wants our positive feelings and trade then Syria has to live up to the minimal standards of international decency," he said.

At the end of the rally, the rabbis of the Ottawa Jewish community led a solemn march around the stark monument, sang *Hatikva*, and blew half a dozen shofars to sound a blast of freedom on behalf of the Jews of Syria.

It was a sound byte hard to ignore.

Brazil takes measures to save its rainforest

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Contrary to public perceptions, Brazil has taken the first major step towards reducing the deforestation process that has made the South American nation the subject of international criticism, the country's Jewish education minister stated recently.

Brazil has reduced the rate of destruction of its rainforest by 30 per cent since 1989, Dr. Jose Goldemberg said. That change in the rate of destruction, though insufficient, is a step in the right direction and reflects a change in the perception of the issue among the country's cabinet ministers, he said.

Speaking to The CJN while on a two-day visit to Toronto, Goldemberg said the elimination of tax incentives has led to the reduction in deforestation. While a number of European countries have pledged themselves to reducing the destruction of their forests, Brazil has been one of the few to take active steps in that direction, he added.

Goldemberg, who served as Brazil's minister of science and technology for 18 months before assuming the education portfolio last month, said Western industrialized countries must forge an international agreement with developing nations to control pollution. Failure to do so will mean that developing countries, especially Brazil, India and China, will continue to emit greenhouse gases to the detriment of the West.

The agreement should come before the convening of the United Nations International Conference on Environment and Development, slated for Rio de Janeiro next year.

While he was pessimistic that agreement could be reached by then, he expressed the hope that cities around the world will follow the example set by Toronto, which has adopted the target of a 20 per cent drop in carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions by the year 2000.

The 20 per cent figure (or two per cent per year) was adopted at a 1988 conference on global climate held in Toronto and "since then it has become a battle cry," Goldemberg said.

Polish guide changed

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The Polish government has decided to change an official guide booklet to the Auschwitz Museum following a story in The CJN Aug. 1 detailing strong objections to several statements in it, including one that the medical sterilization experiments in Block 10 were carried out on Slavic men and women.

Canadian members of an international advisory committee to the museum said they have irrefutable proof that these experiments were on Jewish men and women and none were carried out at Auschwitz on Slavic persons.

Gregory Jazowski, second secretary of the Polish Embassy in Ottawa, told The CJN that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had advised the Embassy that changes have been made in the booklet as a result of the Canadian protest.

Copies of the revised booklet are expected in Ottawa soon, Jazowski said.

PLO closes Bolivia office

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The Palestine Liberation Organization has blamed "economic difficulties" for the decision to close down its office in Bolivia after 11 years.

But the Anti-Defamation League says it is just "another sign of the PLO's loss of credibility."

According to I. Barry Mehler, chairman of ADL's Latin American Affairs Committee, "the loss of PLO's credibility in Latin America and its growing irrelevance in an era that has witnessed the return of democratic governments throughout the region" are the main reasons for the pullback.

But George Salame, the PLO's representative in La Paz, attributed the decision to "a series of economic difficulties which the PLO is facing in consequence of the war in the Persian Gulf."

By siding with Saddam Hussein of Iraq, the PLO forfeited its subsidies from Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing Gulf states.

Mehler predicted that the PLO offices in Mexico and Peru would be next to go.

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Dr. Baruch Gur

Soviet democracy weak: Gur

TORONTO —

The failed coup in the Soviet Union has shown one thing clearly: one day the Conservatives may take over. This leads to the conclusion there is no future for the Jews in that country, the head of the Jewish Agency operations in the Soviet Union, told an audience in Toronto.

Dr. Baruch Gur is currently visiting Canada on behalf of the United Israel Appeal. In addition to Toronto, his itinerary includes appearances in Montreal and Ottawa. An expert in Soviet affairs, his current position entails responsibility for 70 Israeli emissaries (shlichim) working with Jewish communities spread throughout the Soviet Union.

During the recent coup, the network of Jewish Agency emissaries actually proved to be the best source of information available anywhere as to what was happening, Dr. Gur said. The American ambassador in Israel came for a briefing in Jerusalem during those tense days, he declared.

Gur himself was then in Moscow and despite reports in the Western media, he said, his own observation was that the masses were very passive during the takeover. "It was a shocking experience," he stated. "The democratic element is very weak. (Russian President Boris) Yeltsin is surrounded by chauvinists. People were shouting about Mother Russia, even the czar, not about democracy."

The situation today, with the Soviet Union breaking up, holds special dangers, as Jews are the element in society that is the most "Soviet," rather than identified with any national group. The sinking of the Soviet system leaves them with no identifiable framework, he explained. This, too, makes the future very doubtful.

A subtle change is now taking place in letters sent by Soviet immigrants to their families in the Soviet Union, he reported. Absorption difficulties are portrayed as before, but no longer are relatives told, "don't rush to leave for Israel." People are no longer prepared to take responsibility for such advice.

During September, Gur said, 10,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel. He predicts another 40 to 50 thousand will arrive by the end of the year, bringing the total for 1991 to 160,000, and the two-year total to almost a quarter of a million. For the next year, he projects a monthly figure of 12,000, meaning about 150,000 for the year.

"There has been talk about a slowdown in aliyah," he said. "This is simply not so. There is no slowdown. A million Jews is not a dream, it's actually happening." Jews in the Soviet Union today have a privilege: they have somewhere to go. There are 20 million Russians who want to leave, but cannot obtain entry to other countries. He referred to an "iron curtain" in reverse. But for the Jews, Israel is there to fulfil its basic purpose, to provide a haven.

Gur, who takes frequent trips to the Soviet Union, said that what motivates the vast majority of Jews is the threatening economic and political situation and not a "Jewish reawakening." Those who are beginning to live Jewishly are very few in number, he said.

A few days ago the first direct flight with immigrants from Moscow to Tel Aviv took place. At present, it involves a special carrier set up jointly by Israel and the Soviet Union but soon it will be carried out by El Al and Aeroflot.

However, 70 per cent of those leaving now prefer land travel through Eastern Europe transit stations, because they can take along much more luggage.

BB office working in St. Petersburg

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

When the St. Petersburg unit of B'nai B'rith International opened an office there last October, it became the first Jewish cultural institution to be officially recognized in the Soviet Union.

Official recognition has made it easier for the 150-member unit to conduct its programs said Grigory Vilenchik, the chapter's president. At the same time, however, "it is more dangerous for us" because anti-Semitic groups "now know about us, know our address."

Anti-Semitism has come out into the open in St. Petersburg, as it has across the Soviet Union, because of the country's move to a more open, democratic society, Vilenchik said in an interview at B'nai B'rith International Headquarters here.

But the same process has allowed B'nai B'rith to emerge from underground into a legitimately recognized organization in St. Petersburg, he said.

He noted that frequently in the streets of St. Petersburg, a member of the anti-Semitic group, Pamyat, will be handing out leaflets, while nearby a member of B'nai B'rith or some other Jewish group is doing the same thing.

As in other countries, B'nai B'rith in the Soviet Union has become a symbol for those attacking Jews, with articles in the newspapers accusing the international organization of all kinds of crimes, particularly economic ones, Vilenchik said.

To neutralize such threats, the unit has sought to establish close contacts with St. Petersburg municipal officials, Vilenchik said.

"We realize that at any moment we can be closed," he said. "We have to be very careful in our work to know the laws."

The organization seems to be off to a good start since its founding in 1989. Vilenchik, a 37-year-old building engineer, was one of the original organizers and became the unit's president when the former president emigrated to Israel.

Vilenchik said that Jews in St. Petersburg want to know more about Jewish history and culture. He said that while there are many Jewish organizations in the city, the B'nai B'rith unit has been able to provide a broader program because of its assistance from B'nai B'rith's international department in Washington.

Hillel Kuttler, the international department's Soviet unit co-ordinator, keeps in touch with the St. Petersburg group weekly by telephone.

But he stressed the growth of the unit has been largely due to the initiative of the leaders in St. Petersburg.

The membership is made up mainly of men and women 25 to 45 years old, Vilenchik said. Many plan to immigrate to Israel, but others want to remain in the Soviet Union.

The unit's success is due to a core group of 15 to 20 people, whose personal and professional skills fuel the chapter's programs. Foe example, teachers provide English and Hebrew lessons and doctors contribute to the medical program.

The most popular program is Hebrew, with classes on various levels held throughout St. Petersburg. Some 400 people are taking Hebrew classes, mostly adults planning to immigrate to Israel. Children learn Hebrew outside the B'nai B'rith program in classes held at the St. Petersburg synagogue either after school or on Sundays.

The unit does, however, have several sports programs for the youth. Among them is a class in the martial arts. Students in that program provide security at the unit's meetings, Vilenchik said.

After Hebrew classes, the most popular program is a sort of medical "hot line," in which people call B'nai B'rith and are referred to the proper specialists.

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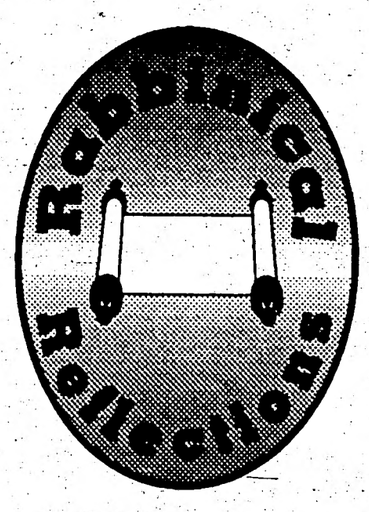

By
RABBI NANCY WECHSLER

A humorous story is told about a man of faith; or supposed faith whose home town was struck by a storm. A city wide alarm blasted its warning throughout the neigborhood urging all to evacuate. The man of faith refused to heed, insisting that "my help cometh from the Eternal."

Soon the streets were flooded and a neighbor drifted by on a makeshift canoe urging him to hop aboard. The man of faith refused. Deep in prayer the man climbed onto the roof of his apartment building. Looking up he saw a helicopter with an attached rope ladder. The amplified voice of its pilot bellowed an urgent order to climb; to which the drenched man shouted that G-d would save him.

An hour later he was in heaven. Facing the great presence of G-d he cried bitterly, "How could you forsake me?" G-d answered gently, "My child, I did not forsake you. I sent help to you three times but you refused. I sent an alarm, a canoe and a helicopter. What more, my child? What more?"

Like the "man of faith," sometimes we miss the point. We expect miracles, but only a prescribed form. Though we may convince ourselves that we are making the right choice at any given time, it becomes increasingly difficult to know with certainty if our bold decisions will lead to a better life. Years later we may feel duped; if only we had understood the sign.

Alas, it is impossible to guarantee the legitimacy of the outstretched hand. Consequently we resist what could be positive because of the tenuous nature of appearances. We don't lack faith; we are simply afraid. We are too frightened to heed the alarm, jump aboard or climb on when we don't know whether or not the sign is authentic.

A case in point is found among some of our young people. They are confronted by a multitude of attractive beliefs, made available to them at school and later at college. They are searching for explanations to difficult questions and turn toward illusions that promise "the answer."

The groups they are attracted to are sometimes linked to cults. These groups can be as dangerous as drugs when penetrating fragile egos. Adolescents especially, craving peer group acceptance, will often turn away from sound Jewish values in order to fit in.

I have spoken with children who have naively merged their faith system with another to the point of delusion. Cult worship is not to be taken lightly. It happens. It happens to nice Jewish kids who desperately want to be loved; who desperately want to be accepted. In their psychological development these tender children are not able to differentiate between the times when their conscience is the "still small voice" and the times when it is not. It is very frightening.

The story about the "man of faith" is not so funny. The man was terrorized by the storm. Hearing the alarm, should he flee? Seeing the canoe, should he enter? Touching the ladder, should he climb? In the end he feels betrayed by his belief system. How could he have been certain?

Sometimes we are weak. We are human. Inevitably we err, unable to discriminate between G-d's unique form of communication and nonsense (*narishkeit*). It is important to acknowledge that we make mistakes and to provide a strategy to support ourselves when questions about good and evil challenge us.

I believe that the main point of religion is our relationship with G-d. Spirituality is the vehicle through which we maintain that relationship. Like any other relationship (marriage, friendship, career etc.) ours with G-d takes work. It is an ongoing process, requiring continuous diligence on our part. Not something to be saved for a crisis, G-d's presence should be an acknowledged part of our lives at all times. Our greatest ally in life is that intuitive connection.

Perhaps the question we must ask ourselves when confronted with a problem is: "What would G-d want me to do in this situation?" If we feel we have strayed from our relationship with G-d, we need to ask forgiveness for the estrangement.

Speaking about faith at home, keeping good companions and offering blessings are small but helpful ways to sustain a strong inner foundation. I would suggest that these make a good beginning.

Next, we need to forgive ourselves. We must come to understand that part of human nature is our inability to always know which is the correct path to choose or miracle to discern. Nevertheless we must keep trying, knowing without a doubt that G-d loves us anyway.

Finally, we must believe that the next time we're faced with critical decisions, we will be able to hear G-d's word in our inner voice. And it will be right.

(Rabbi Nancy Wechsler is spiritual leader at Temple Kol Ami in Thornhill, Ont.)

Na'amat aids Ethiopians

TORONTO —

"You can't imagine how nerve-wracking it can be to teach a newly-arrived Ethiopian family how to use a gas stove when you know that, if they misunderstand your instructions, they might blow themselves up or be asphyxiated," says Carmela Avneri, Israel Na'amat's director of volunteers.

While visiting Toronto, Avneri discussed the overwhelming job of integrating thousands of immigrants which confronts her Na'amat staff and volunteers.

The Ethiopians brought in by Operation Solomon came, in many cases, to trailer or caravan villages. Each family was assigned a two-room trailer with a kitchen and a bathroom. The job of helping the newcomers to adapt to their new environment has fallen almost completely to volunteers.

Avneri pointed out that, because of their immense membership of 750,000 women in Israel (the largest women's volunteer organization in the world) Na'amat is able to undertake the major role in providing volunteers to aid immigrant settlement. She spoke of the difficulties and satisfactions of the job they have undertaken with the Ethiopian olim.

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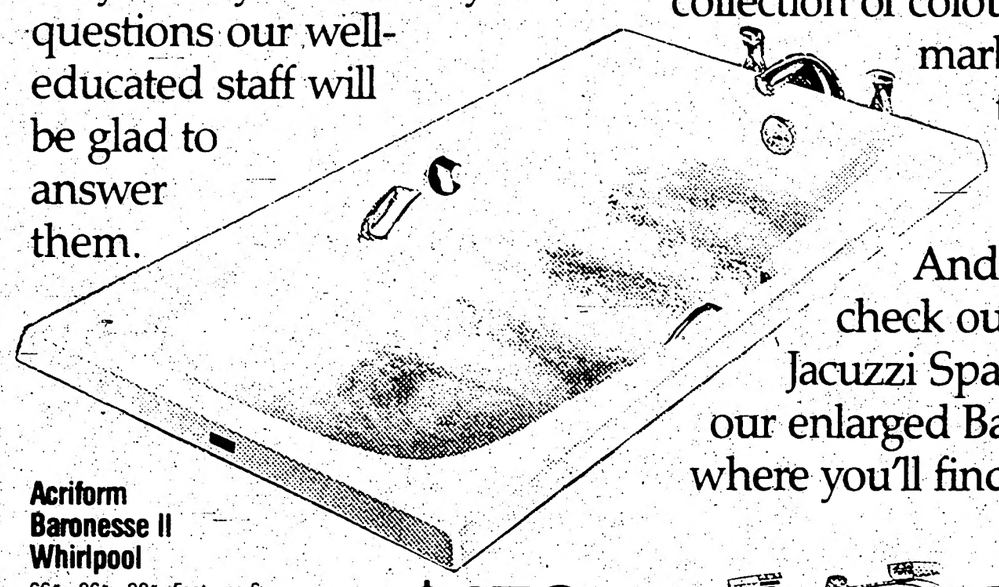

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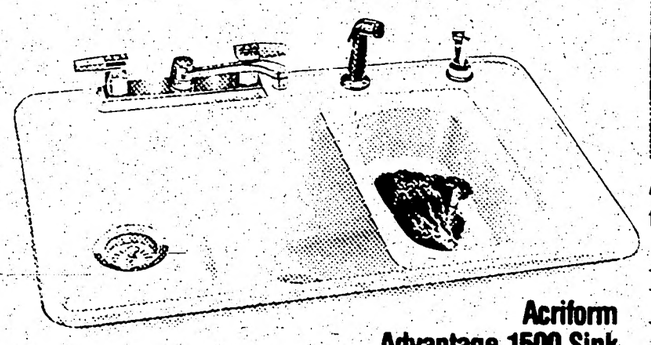

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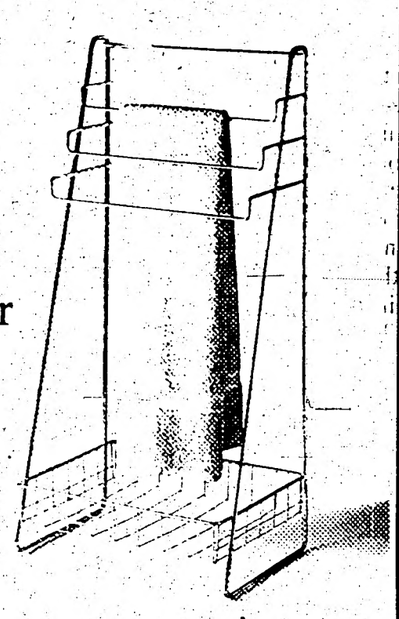

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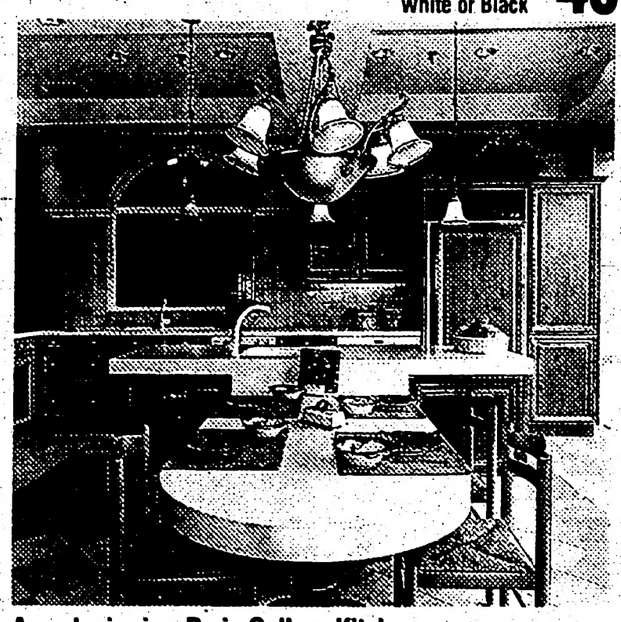

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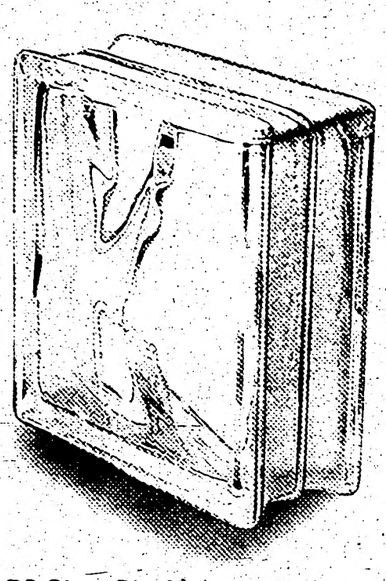

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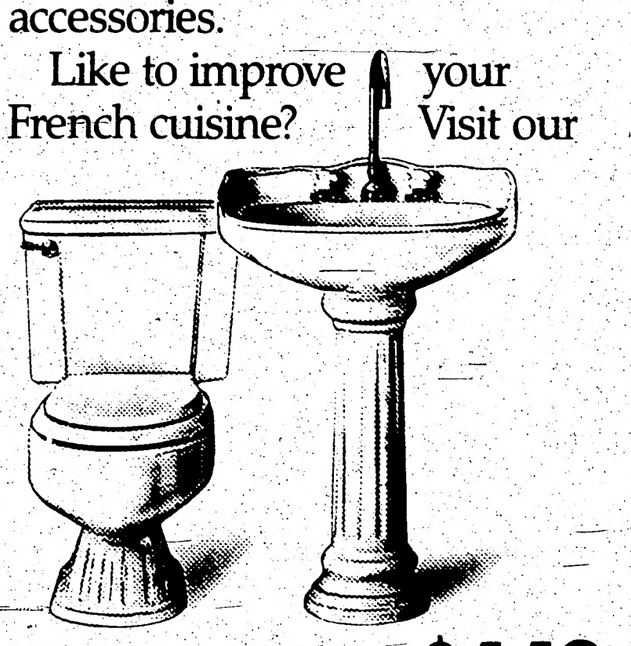

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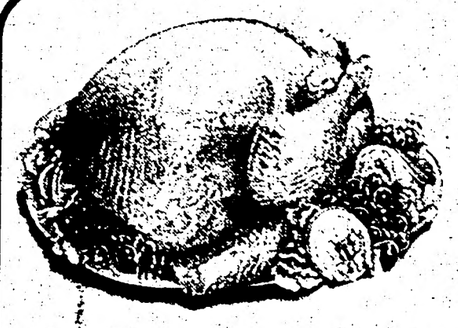

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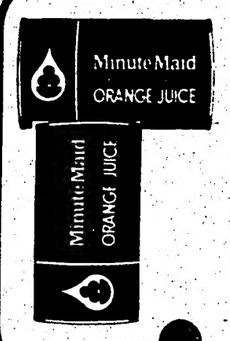

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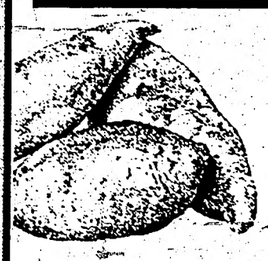

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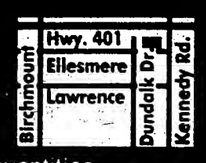

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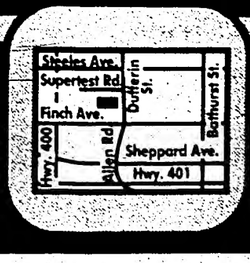

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Solel helps launch unique housing project

By
RON CSILLAG

MISSISSAUGA —
Years of work by three faiths culminated last week in the opening here of a 132-unit affordable housing project, marking what organizers called a unique partnership between religion, business and government.

The 12-storey Forest Ridge building, which includes special units for the physically and developmentally challenged, owes its genesis to a joint project of Solel Congregation, Streetsville United Church and the Unitarians of South Peel.

In 1985, Rabbi Lawrence Englander of Solel Congregation and Rev. Victor Shepherd of Streetsville United Church joined forces to launch a food bank called Foodpath.

Rounding up emergency food supplies for the needy in Peel Region led the two congregations to think about affordable housing in Mississauga. They were joined later by the Unitarians of South Peel.

Together, the three groups set up Pathway Non-Profit Community Developments of Peel in 1987 to explore erecting an affordable housing project in the region. The Peel Non-Profit Housing Corp. acted as a consultant. Financial assistance totaling $4.5 million was procured from Ontario's housing ministry and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.

A $39 million mortgage was provided by a private lender and John Daniels, head of the The Daniels Group and a well-known figure on the Jewish scene, was brought in as contractor. The groundbreaking was held in February, 1990.

The result — Pathway's maiden project — is Forest Ridge, whose units are already completely rented.

Last week's opening of the building at 3420 The Collegeway in Mississauga was attended by municipal, provincial and federal officials, all of whom praised the work done by the two churches and the Reform synagogue.

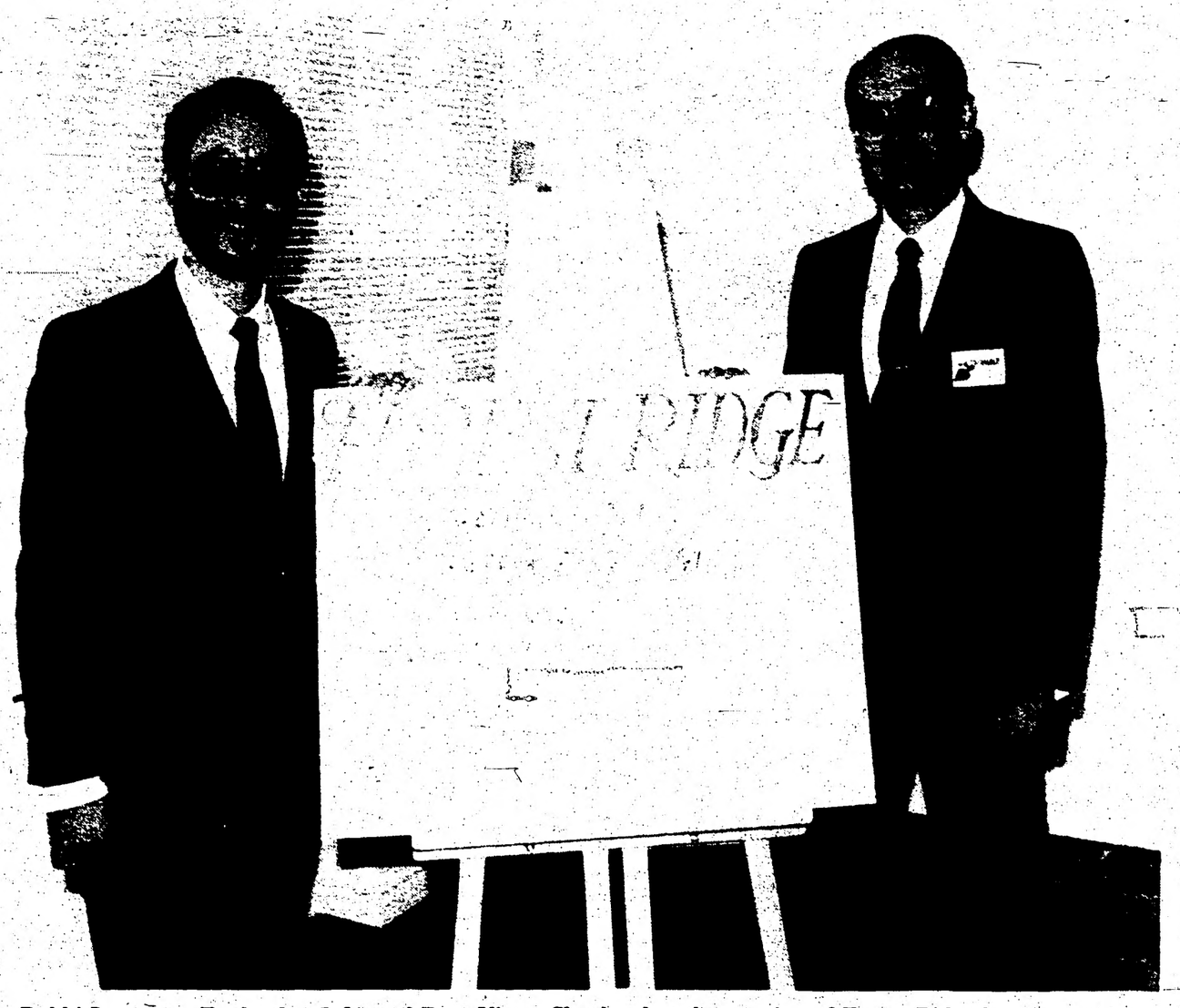
"The ancient rabbis said God built the world but people build up the world," said Rev. Shepherd in dedicating the building. "We build up the world by taking Torah to heart."

About 80 percent of the building's tenants pay rent geared to their income, with the rest paying rent based on their unit's market value, Rabbi Englander said. The anonymity of the arrangement ensures everyone "can maintain their dignity and share a sense of pride."

The building will also house a satellite office of the Canadian Mental Health Association and will run a number of support programs, including preschool breakfasts for children.

Solel Congregation's involvement in the project was "extremely satisfying," Rabbi Englander noted. The shul's board has also purchased drapes for some of the units.

Pathway is now looking for a second project, he added.



Rabbi Lawrence Englander (left) and Rev. Victor Shepherd at the opening of Forest Ridge housing project. [Ron Csillag photo]

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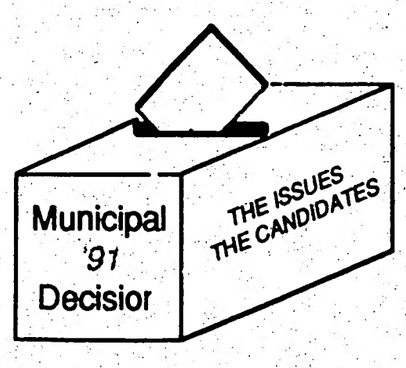

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Howard Levine feels it's vital he continue being the City of Toronto's sole Jewish member of council.

"It's important to have someone identify with the community by being part of that community," Levine told *The CJN*.

A 44-year-old urban planner by profession and councillor from Toronto's Ward 14 since 1988, Levine is seeking re-election in the Nov. 12 municipal vote by running mainly on his record as a reformer and an opponent of runaway development.

He'll be squaring off against Gerry Gordon, a tenants' advocate, and Anthony Burson in the northern ward, which stretches from the CPR tracks north to the Belt Line, and from Christie Street east to Mount Pleasant Road. It takes in the Spadina-St. Clair area, Forest Hill and the Davenport-Bathurst neighborhood.

The ward was re-drawn for the '88 vote, when Levine wrested the seat from veteran Michael Gee.

Roughly 60 percent of the ward's residents are tenants, with the rest owning homes. Ward 14 has the distinction of having the best educated and the highest income residents in Toronto.

Stability is the number one issue in the ward, Levine contends.

Howard Levine

"People want their neighborhood well-serviced. They want to maintain its liveability, whether it's crime, taxes or traffic," he says.

A resident of the ward for 17 years, Levine is campaigning for reduced commuter traffic, the retention of green spaces, changes to parking regulations and a demand that proposed developments be sensitive to established communities.

Housing and public transport are issues in his ward, as are ongoing concerns of congestion, parking regulations and tenants' rights.

If re-elected, Levine says he'll continue to push for a streamlining of municipal government.

The incumbent sits on a host of municipal committees, including those studying land use, street and lane lighting and city services. He chairs the Toronto Hydro committee that examines conversion and distribution.

In April, 1989, Levine became embroiled in a controversial debate over whether to twin Toronto with the Soviet cities of Kiev and Volgograd.

In an impassioned speech to council, he said that "as a Jew, I know all too well tyranny and discrimination, hate and genocide. As a Jew, I am well aware of the long history of malicious persecution of my people in the Soviet Union."

When the actual vote to twin was taken in March, 1990, Levine walked out of the council chamber, saying he was elected to deal with local, not international, issues. He called the whole twinning matter "absurd."

In the end, council voted to twin Toronto with both Soviet cities after a stormy debate that featured boos and hisses from the audience.

A few weeks ago, Levine persuaded council to adjourn on Erev Yom Kippur and to hold off all meetings the following day.

He's particularly excited about a co-operative housing project that will straddle his ward at Bathurst and St. Clair.

The five buildings, which will include a rent-geared-to-income unit sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, are in their final stages of approval by Toronto and the City of York.

In the last vote, Levine ran as a reformer and he believes he's delivered on his word.

He was the only councillor to oppose Toronto's bid for the 1996 Olympics. But he support's the city's effort to secure Expo '98.

Unlike most candidates, Levine is politically independent, which he says offers him the freedom to vote with his conscience.

"I have no ideological baggage to shlep around," he says. "My priority is to communicate with the electorate."

Adoption/foster care project assists child welfare workers

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

A five-year demonstration project, funded by a National Welfare Grant in 1982, entitled, Testing the Effectiveness of System-Based Approach to Placing Children in Adoption/Foster Homes, which was undertaken by social workers, Joyce Cohen and Anne Westhues, has led to the recent publication of a handbook for child welfare workers and it will be of interest to others adopting and fostering special needs children.

Well-functioning Families for Adoptive and Foster Children, published by the University of Toronto Press, is based on this research project. Co-investigators Cohen and Westhues define "special needs children" as those who must leave their biological family after one year of age, or at any age who are physically or cognitively delayed, who are of a mixed race, or where there is mental illness in the biological family.

Cohen and Westhues embarked on the project with four purposes in mind, including a desire to provide foster and adoption workers with a training program that would contribute useful information for social work staff.

They also set out to educate professionals to view fostering and adoption as a logical step to a permanent plan for some children who will no longer live with their families of origin in order to design useful services for children and families who undergo emotional pain and disruption that placements cause to all parties.

At the outset of the project, the researchers established several trends that were emerging in the area of fostering and adoption. Social services in North America were entering an age of financial austerity with a lack of funds for direct services to clients and support services, including training for agency personnel.

Current policy

They also recognized that professionals must be accountable for both funds and their time, and that the faces of foster and adoptive children have changed in the past 15 years.

The current policy, they note, is to maintain children within their own biological families whenever possible. A child is brought into the care of an agency only when there is factual evidence that parents are no longer able to provide proper care.

Cohen received a masters of social work degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and was a clinical lecturer in the department of psychiatry at McMaster University. She joined the staff of the Faculty of Social work at U of T in 1973. She is presently a social work practice professor in the faculty.

Cohen is on the advisory committee of numerous groups including government agencies, is a sought-after participant of many conferences, and is presently on the admissions committee and the Faculty Council.

The *Social Worker* magazine, in its review of the book noted, "A thorough and innovative Canadian contribution that includes a literary survey."

And the journal, *Community Alternatives* writes, "This research is not only well presented and with clear definition but also highlights negative as well as positive outcomes. These are of particular significance to those looking to building families by way of adoption or foster care."

Cohen told *The CJN* that she and Westhues are working together on a new research project entitled, *How Are They Faring?*, a study on inter-country adoptive in Canada.

The new project was funded by a grant from Health and Welfare Canada and it is believed to be the first study of out-of-country children (children who are now 12 years of age or over) adopted by Canadians.

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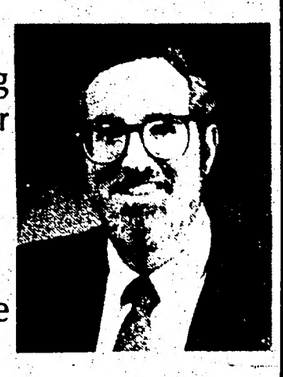

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Shul parking irks merchant

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
A supermarket owner's parking restrictions on the second day of Rosh Hashanah generated both criticism and sympathy from people attending the Bnay Abraham Synagogue.

The north Winnipeg synagogue is located adjacent to an IGA store and small shopping centre. For years, synagogue goers have been parking in the lot to the east of the synagogue and south of the supermarket.

"The IGA has put up with us for years," says Mendel Rosenfeld, the Bnay Abraham's executive director. "Some of our people on the first day of Rosh Hashanah showed a lack of consideration by blocking the store's loading area. I guess that was the final straw."

"We have had problems in past years (during the Jewish holidays) with people parking right in front of our receiving doors," says Wayne Hamel, owner of the IGA. "We have put signs by the back doors. This year, we took further action because a lot of our customers were complaining."

Hamel did contact Rosenfeld about his concerns but, as Rosenfeld notes, there wasn't much the synagogue could do at that point. "We posted people to direct parking on the second day," he says. "Some people parked farther down and had their cars towed away."

Temporary signs

Hamel in turn put up large temporary signs at two entrances to the shopping centre parking lot near his store, warning that his parking stalls were for his customers and other cars would be towed. He also posted a security guard. Some cars were towed, a fact he now regrets. "There was no sense in stirring up trouble," he says. "Perhaps I should have been out there myself."

Some people, he says, accused him of anti-Semitism for his actions. "That's not being reasonable. I have long supported the Jewish community. But I have a business to run."

In reaction, he notes, other Bnay Abraham members have come in and apologized and said the parking issue was no big deal.

Hamel reserved 35 percent of the lot in his area for his customers on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, leaving the rest for the synagogue. He reports he found he didn't need that much parking. In future, he says, he will move his No Parking signs to the front of the store and leave the area beside the synagogue for synagogue goers "as a goodwill gesture."

Rosenfeld reports the Bnay Abraham's ritual committee has mailed letters to members outlining the new parking restrictions and asking them for their co-operation. There were no problems on Yom Kippur, he notes.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Oct. 10 is deadline for Oct. 24 issue and Thursday, Oct. 17 is deadline for Oct. 31 issue).

Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The number is 422-2331.

Friday, Oct. 11

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

On Friday, Oct. 11, concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., in a happy musical hour of semi-classical and popular music. The time is 2-3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12

TORONTO VIRTUOSI ENSEMBLE

The Toronto Virtuosi Ensemble, a group of 12 outstanding performers, will be appearing in concert on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 8:30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd.

The program features classical and romantic music, Russian ballads and folk songs, Italian opera arias and songs on Yiddish and Hebrew.

General admission is $15, seniors and students $10. Tickets are available at the synagogue office, Negev Book Store, Israel's Judaica Centre or by calling 636-0781.

Sunday, Oct. 13

MUNK ANNUAL LECTURES

The Nicholas M. & Hedy J. Munk annual lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation will focus on Upheaval in the Soviet Union — A Symposium at the Sunday, Oct. 13, Men's Club breakfast meeting. The panel will comprise of **Prof. Irwin Cotler** (who will just have returned from the Soviet Union), **Prof. Aurel Braun** and **Prof. Peter Solomon**, both of the University of Toronto.

The time is 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome. There is a nominal charge for breakfast which is at 9:30 a.m.

MAYORALITY CANDIDATE

Mayorality candidate **Susan Fish** will be the guest speaker at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

MUSIC OF THE WORLD

Music from other countries will be the theme as the Friends of North York Public Library and Youth Music Canada present a series of six Cushion Concerts at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. (north of Sheppard).

The first concert, on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2:30 p.m., features three young artists who stage the story of the young Mozart. The Mozart Phenomenon is performed by **Nathan Bartley** (12) on violin, **Stewart Goodyear** (12) on piano, and **Kaori Yamagami** (9) on cello.

Prices for Friends members are $5.50 each, $29.40 for the series, or non-members $6 each, $33 for the series. Call 395-5678 to order.

PSYCHOLOGY OF JEWISH HUMOR

Psychology of Jewish Humor is what **Prof. Sidney Brickman** will be discussing at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The time is 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Admission of $3 includes breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, Oct. 14

JOINT ADULT STUDY SERIES

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations are continuing their highly successful joint adult education program. This year's inaugural lecture will be given by **Prof. Ruth Wisse** of McGill University, a renowned societal and political commentator. Her topic will be Selling Out? The Jewish Intellectual and His People.

The lecture will be held at Adath Israel, 37 Southbourne Ave., on Monday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINING CHILDREN

A Children's Sunday at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library was a great success with over 75 children and their mothers and big sisters on hand to enjoy the fun. Performer Leeba Shore was in town visiting from Israel where she had been kept very busy entertaining children during the Gulf War. After the show, the youngsters played on the children's computer and watched videotapes from the library's collection. [Gail Schwartz photo]

Tuesday, Oct. 15

PUBLIC CONCERT READING

On Tuesday, oct. 15, at 8 p.m. in the fourth floor Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., the Jewish Theatre Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will sponsor a public concert reading of this year's prize winning play The New Montana by **Lucille Hauser**.

The reading will be directed by **Jordan Merkur** and will star **Sylvia Lennick** as Minna, the eccentric Warsaw Ghetto survivor, and **Carol Anderson** as Donna, a teenage runaway. Author Lucille Hauser will attend and meet the audience after the eprformance.

Tickets are $5 general admission, $4 students and seniors, and will be available at the door.

For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 151 or 154.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Study Group will be meeting on Oct. 15, at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., when **Harriet Liebman** of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework will make a slide presentation.

The group meets from 9:45-11:30 a.m. Babysitting is available. For more information, call **Rhonda** at 663-3812.

BOOK OF THE BRUNCH MEETING

At the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Book of the Brunch meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15, **Ruby Newman** will review *Skinny Legs and All* by **Tom Robbins** at 9:30 a.m.

Admission is $5 members and seniors, $6 non-members. Refreshments will be served. For information, call the synagogue office at 781-3511.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Selma Sage will be the guest speaker at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview. Her topic will be Mothers and Daughters Towards a Greater Understanding.

You are invited to join in a wonderful evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

LOOKING TOWARD TOMORROW

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Adult Education Series, Looking Toward Tomorrow: The Jewish People and the Changing Pattern of World Power, with noted lecturer and historain **Morton Manilla** continues on Wednesday, Oct. 16, with The Future of the New Russian State.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

NISHMA LECTURE SERIES

NISHMA commences its 1991-92 lecture series on Torah and Human Wisdom on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. at the Albert Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. **Rabbi Mark Breslow**, assistant principal at CHAT, will be speaking on Education and Torah.

NISHMA is an international non-profit organization aimed at creating a network of open motivated Torah study.

For information, call 490-9669.

RESEARCH IN HUMAN GENETICS

Dr. Ronald Worton, geneticist-in-chief at the Hospital for Sick Children, will give this year's Keys Memorial Lecture, sponsored by Trinity College. In his lecture, Research in Human Genetics: Dramatic Insights Into Genetic Disease, Dr. Worton will review some of the recent advances in human genetics research and will focus on the social, legal and ethical issues relating to the discovery of important disease genes.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the George Ignatieff Theatre, Trinity College, 15 Devonshire Place. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call Trinity College at 978-2651.

Thursday, Oct. 17

THE INSIDE STORY

Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and the Allocations Committee of the Jewish Agency for Israel, will speak at the annual UJA Night sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation/United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. She will provide up-to-date information on topics in the news today, such as Soviet Jewry and American-Israeli relations.

The program also includes special performances by Orot Hashchuna, internationally acclaimed Israeli performers.

Registration begins at 7 p.m. and $18 covers the cost of the program and refreshments. This evening will provide an opportunity to make your 1992 UJA pledge. For reservations, call **Glenda** at 635-2883, ext. 135.

MAYORALITY CANDIDATES DEBATE

A debate between leading candidates for mayor **Susan Fish, Jack Layton** and **June Rowlands** will take place on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Moderator is **Gordon Cressy**, vice-principal, University of Toronto.

The meeting is presented by the Community Relations Committee of the Bloor Y Branch. For information, call 924-6211.

UNITED WAY'S LIP SYNC CONTEST

United Way's Media Celebrity Lip Sync Contest is set to rock and roll on Thursday, Oct. 17, at The Copa, 21 Scollard St. Now in its seventh year, it's one of the hippiest, most happening events in town, featuring stars from Toronto's print and electronic media competing in the fine arts of lip syncing and karaoke.

This year's contest, sponsored by Cantel, will be a bigger blast than ever with emcees **Don Daynard** and **Erin Davis** of CHFI and **Steve Anthony** of CITY TV keeping the show lively.

Tickets include a hot buffet and cost $25 (which includes GST). They are on sale through TicketMaster at 867-8000.

LIBRARY FILMS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is screening two films on Thursday, Oct. 17 — World's Apart and Operation U-Boat.

The time is 1:30 p.m. and admission is free.

And What Else Is New...

EDUCATIONAL MINYAN

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill is inaugurating an Educational Minyan to be held Sunday mornings at Beth Lida Forest Hill Synagogue, 22 Gilgorm Rd. (one block east of Spadina Rd., north of Eglinton).

The program starts Sunday, Oct. 20, and will continue weekly. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. with 15 minutes of instruction on the putting on of tefillin. The minyan itself begins at at 8:45 a.m., followed by a light breakfast and a lecture by **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky**, dean of Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill. Rabbi Milevsky's lectures will address biblical portraits.

All men, regardless of their experience or present understanding of Jewish rituals, are welcome to attend the minyan, breakfast and lecture. As always, Rabbi Milevsky's lectures attract beginners to the most advanced Torah scholars.

JEWISH FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following Jewish Family Life Workshops this fall—

Looking Ahead — For separated or divorced people to discuss part-time parenting, being alone, separating from the past and moving forward (beginning Oct. 22 for six weks).

Living with Teenagers — To help parents understand their teenagers' behaviour. You will discuss appropriate behaviour, expectations, discipline and ways to improve communication (beginning Oct. 28 for six weeks).

Parenting the Young Child (under 5) — To help parents understand children's behaviour and to help with limit setting, expectations and discipline (beginning Oct. 30 for six weeks)

Jews By Choice — Women will discuss the implications and the challenges to family life that this unique choice requires (beginning Oct. 28 for six weeks).

For further information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

Mount Sinai Palliative Care Program has set up a volunteer education course, a six-week course in the care and support of dying patients, and their families.

It is geared to anyone interested in expanding their knowledge in this area, and perhaps interested in becoming a future volunteer in the hospital's program. You do not have to commit yourself to being a volunteer in order to attend the course.

All sessions will be held on Mondays, Oct. 21-Nov. 25, from 4-6 p.m. at Mount Sinai, 600 University Ave. Each session will be a workshop with ample opportunity for discussion. Reading materials will be provided. Following the course, further training is available for those interested in serving as palliative care volunteers.

There is no registration fee and free parking is available. If interested, contact the Palliative Care Program by Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 586-8594.

CALLING JEWISH TEENAGE GIRLS

Calling all Jewish teenage girls, 15-18! Join

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Chapter Tzedakah, B'nai Brith Girls! Meet new friends! Have lots of fun! Dances! Out-of-town conventions! Movie nights and more!

Be part of BBYO — the largest Jewish youth group in the world! To find out about exciting upcoming programs, call **Marlo** or **Amy** at 494-7857.

VOICES OF SEPHARAD

Voices of Sepharad, a polished company of performers who explore the facinating Jewish cultural tradition that originated in medieval Spain, will perform their Pasion, a concert of dance and music, on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave.

This unique concert is presented by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto, in association with Temple Sinai, in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

The Voices of Sepharad is comprised of four highly skilled performers — **David Harris**, music director and vocalists; **Judith Brin Inger**, choreographer; **Scott "Mateo" Davies**, a guitarist, and **Mick LaBriola**, percussionist.

Tickets at $15 ($12 students and seniors) are available at several convenient locations. Call 635-2883, ext. 154 for full information.

CRITICS CHOICE SERIES

Prof. Elaine Newton has initiated her popular monthly Critics Choice literature series. There is a Thursday morning series and two evening series, one on Mondays and one on Tuesdays. All sessions are held at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W.

The next sessions take place Thursday morning, Oct. 31; Monday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

For further information and registration, call **Greta Gray** at 920-9000.

CANADIAN JEWISH OUTLOOK

The Canadian Jewish Outlook invites interested readers and others to its annual banquet on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. (Lawrence-Bathurst area).

Gerald Caplan, public affairs consultant and former national secretary of the New Democratic Party, is guest speaker and **Jane Enkin** and **Justin Lewis** will entertain with Yiddish folk songs and stories by **I.L.Peretz**.

The banquet will launch the annual fund raising campaign. Tickets are $15. For reservations and information, call 789-5502 or 767-8296.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Baycrest Centre needs volunteer leaders to conduct Shabbat and/or holiday services for a small group of residents. If you can spare time on a Friday evening or Saturday morning, please contact the Volunteer Department at 785-2850.

The Jewish Diabetes Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association needs a person with own computer to assist with monthly correspondence, maintain membership lists and do general secretarial work from their own home. Time commitment would be approximately three hours per week. Contact Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

The Metropolitan Toronto Association for Community Living needs you to volunteer your time with people who have developmental handicaps. Throughout North York, adults living independently in the community and in small group homes need you to provide support and companionship for a few hours per week in the evenings or weekends. Pre-school opportunities are also available during the day. To find out more about these and other rewarding volunteer opportunities, call **Joanne Fine** at 225-7166.

for seniors

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The Oct. 16 meeting features a visit to Cancun, Mexico, with a movie and explanation. For information, contact **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

The LZA Seniors Club continues to take registration for the Miami trips of five, seven or nine weeks and the three month stay on Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave...The next luncheon meeting takes place Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the centre...The dance group has started its fall sessions on Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m...The Cultural Discussion Group continues on Tuesday mornings at 10 and shuffleboard is held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 Plus invites you to join in dinner and installation of officers plus good entertainment on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is $10. Please respond by Tuesday, Oct. 15. For information, call **Sarah** at 226-2261.

Earl Bales Senior's Club upcoming events include a dance on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 7-10 p.m. in the club house (members free, non-members $1); Simchat Torah and Thanksgiving dinner dance on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 7-11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre ($18 members, $20 non-members); annual bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the club house; bus run to Cambridge, Ont., for members on Tuesday, Oct. 22, with visits to Seagrams Museum and Knob Hill Farms, free coffee and dessert (bring or buy your own lunch, cost $16)...Ongoing activities continue. If anyone is interested in Mah Jong or would like to volunteer to look after this activitiy, please call the office at 636-7856.

Rockford Public School welcomes volunteers to help in various areas of the school. Call to discuss your interests. Ask for **Mary** at 736-0235.

October highlights at **Shalom Village**, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton, include Thursday, Oct. 17 — performance by Joan and the Grandpops at 3 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 20 — **George Frank** will perform at 3 p.m. in the nursing home; Tuesday, Oct. 29 — Simcha celebration at 7:30 p.m. marking birthdays of **Bernie Burg** and **Lily Poltur**. The Caseth Male Chorus will perform. For more information, call **Susan Mills** at 528-5377 in Hamilton.

Dancers needed! **The Chai Folk Dancers** of the JCC are looking for dancers to participate in the performing group. If you are interested and have some experience in folk, ballroom or any other form of dance, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, at the JCC North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Oct. 13, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), in conjunction with the Toronto Board of Education Continuing Education, offers the following programs — knitting, bridge, fitness, current events, folk dancing, ceramics. Programs run Mondays to Thursdays. For a schedule, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to Florida for one, two or three months, is one of the most reasonable deals in town and includes efficiency rooms, pick up at airport and lots more. Phone **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-9 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. or at 462-0258 days or **Manny** at 633-7463 late afternoon or evenings.

Senior Adult Services at the JCC North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., is presenting a special workshop on Financial Planning After 60 on Friday, Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Senior Lounge. Enjoy financial peace of mind. You have worked hard for your money. Find out how to keep it. The program is presented by Seniors Educational Workshops with presenters **Warren MacKenzie** and **Graham Byron**, financial planners. There is no charge. A bagel brunch will be served. Registration is limited to 20 people. Call **Teme** or **Bonnie** at the JCC at 636-1880 to reserve your place.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports there are a few seats still available for the trip to Israel Nov. 13-Dec. 4 which includes two meals daily, 5-star hotels, all taxes, multi-media programs, folklore evenings, health event at the Dead Sea, pick up to airport and return from your home, no charge for extras and/or options...An information and reservation meeting for the Florida trip has been set for Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at the synagogue...Ongoing programs such as dancersize, Tai Chi, line dancing plus Coping with Life have resumed. For information on all trips and activities, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., — The Women's Lecture Series continues on Wednesday, Oct. 16, with Jewish Women in the Bible with **Deena Cole**. The time is 1:30–2:30 p.m. in Rooms A and B. No charge for residents and members, $1 charge for guests...Bingo is arranged for Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Common Room...The Tuesday evening program on Oct. 15 features singer/guitarist **Sandi Horowitz** from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Sunshine Seniors 55-Plus invites you for another fun-filled winter holiday in North Miami Beach for four, six or eight weeks at the Colonial Inn. For details, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Call **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the **Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP)** is sponsoring this fall's Job Fair for job seekers 50 or over at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St. (just north of Carlton). There is no charge...CARP free seminars continue on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 1:30 p.m. with Financial Planning Workshop, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. with Out of Country Medical Insurance, and on Thursday, the 17th, at 2 p.m. with Home Equity Pension Plan. All sessions are held at 27 Queen St. E., Suite 1304. For registration and information, call 363-CARP.

Happy Times Seniors upcoming trips include a fun-filled getaway to Niagara on Thursday, Oct. 31, a day trip for shopping in Buffalo on Wednesday, Nov. 6, and the Festival of Lights at Cullen Gardens Miniature Gardens, with live entertainment and more on Thursday, Nov. 21. The cost of each trip is $25. For information, call 635-6122.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 1:30 p.m. deals with Osteoporosis — What Is It? Fitness instructor **Dana Bach**, will show a video and discuss how you can prevent and/or manage osteoporosis.

The movie, *Unfaithfully Yours*, will be screened on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for members, $1 for non-members.

The Wednesday social on Oct. 16, at 1:30 p.m. features an afternoon of music with **Helen Knight**. The charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members. Refreshments are served after the entertainment.

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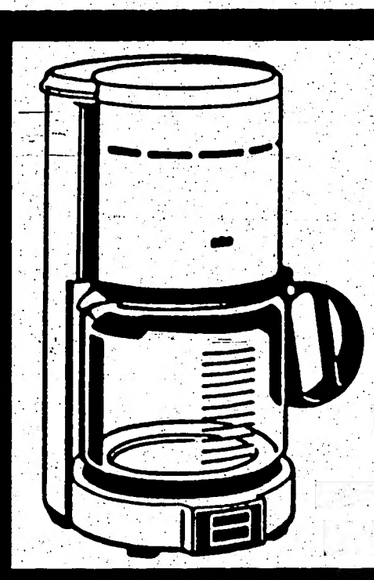
ICRF SEASON OPENER

Discussing plans for the Season Opener of the Young Associates, Israel Cancer Research Fund, to take place Sunday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Copa, 21 Scollard St., are (from left) Marty Shoom, Susan Feinstein and Jackie Richstone. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door and include door prizes, munchies and entertainment. A portion is tax deductible. Proceeds will go to support cancer researchers in Israel. For tickets and information, call 787-0139.

GULF PHOTO

The opening of Israel Under Siege, an exhibition of photos taken during the Gulf War on view at Beth Tzedec Congregation, was attended by some 200 invited guests. The exhibit was presented by the congregation's Israel Action Committee in conjunction with State of Israel Bonds and Al and Gail Gilbert. From left are Consul General of Israel Benjamin Abileah, Marilyn Light, chairman, Beth Tzedec Israel Bond Committee; Al Gilbert, Gail Gilbert, and Gabriel Grushcow, president, Beth Tzedec Congregation. The exhibition is on display until Oct. 31. Viewing hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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The Ways and Means Committee is presenting the Ackerman Family in a musical evening on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. The charge is $3.50. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so register early at the information desk. For information, contact **Barbara Zigler**, co-ordinator of volunteer services and special programs at 225-2112.

A reminder about the Florida trips for members with the choice of three hotels — The Sasson Hotel (starting at $1855), The Shore Club Hotel ($2900) and the Tarleton Hotel ($2900). For information, call **Barbara Zigler** at above number.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch Senior Adult Services opening luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 15, features entertainment by the female vocal jazz trio *The Waverlies*. This group, performing since 1980, does radio, TV and live performances. The time is 12:30 p.m. in Room 221 of the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets are $4 members, $5 non-members and are now on sale in the Senior Lounge (limited number available). For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

The North Y Branch Early Childhood Services Department annual gift sale takes place on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the main gym, second floor. Admission is free. For more information, call 631-5651.

The Israel trip arranged by the North Y Branch for Nov. 13-Dec. 4 offers three wonderful weeks with .ots of interesting and exciting happenings. The cost is $3296 Canadian. For details, contact **Teme Kernerman**, Senior Adult Services, at 636-1880, ext. 364.

The all-inclusive trip to Miami at the Sansouci Hotel runs Jan. 1-23 and includes one free night. An additional week is possible. Call **Teme Kernerman** at above number.

A debate between leading candidates for mayor **Susan Fish, Jack Layton** and **June Rowlands** with **Gordon Cressy**, vice-principal, University of Toronto, as moderator, will take place Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. This is presented by the Community Relations Committee of the JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, call 924-6211.

The Bloor Y Concert for Kids series for ages 2-8 starts off with **Laurence Gilman** in concert on Sunday, Oct. 27. Laurence's concerts are a mixture of old and new songs with lots of participation and fun, not only for young people but for their entire families. There are two shows, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are $6. Seating is limited. Phone orders can be done by VISA or Mastercard. Call 924-6211.

The JCC North/East Valley Branch, together with Women's College Hospital, is now offering prenatal classes in Thornhill. Call 323-6030 for more information.

The NE Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11 p.m. The cost is $3 per person. For more information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

The JCC Valley Singles Connection invites you to walk through Sunnybrook Park on Sunday mornings. Come to the main entrance of the Inn on the Park at 11 a.m. Ask for **Marlene**. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

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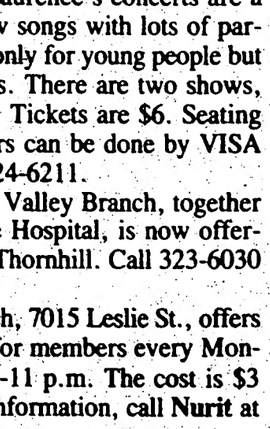
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Joan Schoenfeld, principal of the Downtown Jewish Community School and vice-president/secretary of Jewish Educators Assembly, Canada Region, has been voted chairman of the 1992 Mini-CAJE Conference. Approximately 1,000 participants are expected to attend this unique educational conference to be held Feb. 16-17 at Glendon College, York University.



Joan Schoenfeld

Mini-CAJE is a regional Jewish educational conference based on the format of International CAJE (Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education) Conferences which have been held for the past 16 years on campuses across the U.S. The Toronto Mini-CAJE Conference, is being organized by a steering committee composed of top Jewish educational professionals.

It is sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and York University Centre for Jewish Studies, with support of the Canadian Ministry of Multiculturalism and in cooperation with the Education Department of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Other members of the steering committee executive are **Bob Tornberg**, educational director of Holy Blossom Temple; **Mark Charendoff**, director of Judaic Cultural Development of the JCC; **Karen Goodis**, educational director of Temple Har Zion, and **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education. Conference administrator is **Noreen Nisker**.

Mary and Norman Steiner

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Mary and Norman Steiner are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at a dinner with family and friends this weekend. They were married here in Toronto in 1931.

Norman, who was in the men's sportswear business, has now become a serious visual artist (painting). And along with the painting he has a patent on a new 3-dimensional glow art (visual art for day and night).

The Steiners are members of Beth Sholom Synagogue. In addition, through the years, Mary has been active in ORT and Hadassah while Norman has been involved in Mount Sinai Masonic Lodge.

Their children are **Herb and Frances Steiner, Cynthia Godfrey** and **Harriet** and **Roger Hyman**. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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President Bush said siding with Syria over Golan

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
U.S. President George Bush has declared "political war" on Israel and is "stacking the deck" against Israel at the forthcoming peace conference, Douglas Bloomfield, former legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, said here recently.

The United States administration has a "cold spot in its heart" towards Israel, he said, and many Israelis feel that their country has been deserted by the United States.

The U.S. Congress will approve the $10 billion loan guarantee for Israel next January or February, Bloomfield said, because there is strong support for Israel among its members, despite the president's request for a 120- day delay.

However, he told an Israel Bonds meeting honoring Manny and Sonia Tessler at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, that there is not much support for Premier Yitzhak Shamir's settlement policy in Congress or in the U.S. Jewish community generally.

But Bloomfield said Bush has no right to complain, as he does, about Shamir's settlement plans. "Israel will settle its border problems through direct negotiations with its Arab neighbors; they will not be settled in Washington."

Israel is the only country being asked to take risks for peace at the upcoming conference and the only one being asked to give up territory, he said.

"There will have to be a territorial compomise at the peace conference," he said.

Bush has already shown that he sides with President Assad of Syria on the Golan Heights question.

A press conference tirade by Bush against Israel has inspired anti-Semites, including one prominent columnist, to say that Americans must now choose between supporting their president or Israel.

"I'm not saying that President Bush is an anti-Semite or bigot but what he has done is give the anti-Semites and bigots a field day."

The Jerusalem Award was presented to the Tesslers for their support of Israel by Harvey Solursh, Ontario chairman for State of Israel Bonds.

Mike Rosenberg, the synagogue's Bonds chairman, announced that nearly $3 million in Bonds had been purchased as a result of the tribute dinner and a previous reception.

The dinner was sponsored by Israel Bonds, the synagogue, and Raoul Wallenberg, Yorkdale Circle Lodge, B'nai Brith. Greetings were extended by Larry Rose, president of the synagogue, Ted Schwartz, president of the B'nai Brith Lodge and Rabbi Joseph Kelman. Harvey Atkin, son-in-law of the Tesslers, was master of ceremonies.

Three daughters, Celia Atkin, Reesa Finestein of Dallas, and Debbie Glina, paid tribute to their parents, and five of their 10 grandchildren, presented their grandparents with flowers.

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Demonstrating the Havdalah service for Russian children are Annette Kurtz (left) and Barbara Swimmer (lighting the candle) of B'nai Brith Women.

Russian Jewish immigrants learn customs, traditions

TORONTO —
Russian immigrants were introduced to the customs, traditions and rituals of Shabbat, Sukkot and Simchat Torah at a recent Evening of Holiday Festivities, sponsored by B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto in conjunction with the Community Integration Program of Jewish Women's Federation.

Annette Kurtz and Barbara Swimmer of Orah chapter and Gloria Boxen and Michelle Gold of Elan chapter took turns explaining and demonstrating to the 90 Russian immigrants at Beth Tikvah Synagogue the holiday items assembled. They lit and blessed the candles, wine and challah, sang a portion of the *Birkat Hamazon* and demonstrated how to bless and wave the lulav and etrog.

Twelve Russian children were included in the presentation when Swimmer invited them to participate in the Havdalah blessings. The audience, seated at tables containing similar holiday fare such as gefilte fish, challah, grape juice and cloves, were encouraged to join the women on stage in repeating the appropriate blessings and partaking of samples.

Miriam Schifman, chairman of the Judaic department of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, headed the committee that spent several months planning the evening. She expressed delight at seeing many of the Russian guests trying to recite the blessings and sing such songs as *Hinei Ma Tov* and *Hava Nagilah* that formed part of the program. Copies of the festival table scripts, the blessings and songs, were given to each Russian family to help them follow the program and a translator was also made available for their convenience.

Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah addressed the meeting, explaining the meaning of the etrog and the various branches of the lulav. He also discussed why Sukkot is celebrated in the fall instead of the spring which is when the Exodus took place. Rabbi Allen invited the Russians to join him on Shabbat when a Russian boy who was unable to have a bar mitzvah in the Soviet Union will be called to the Torah.

This is the second year that BBW Council of Toronto has presented the Festival Tables for Russian immigrants. Marni Collier, president of BBW Council of Toronto, welcomed the audience and explained the organization's many community service projects. She also noted that there are 21 chapters of BBW in Toronto, including French and Hebrew speaking chapters.

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Organizations and People

Molot takes over Vaad

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

She's short, she's scrappy, and she knows what she wants and how to get it.

"I always go into a meeting knowing what outcome I want," said Ottawa Vaad president and Carleton University political science professor Maureen Molot. "Many people would see me as somewhat tenacious."

Molot, 50 is the first female president of the Vaad, breaking a long tradition of male ascension to the top post. She's quietly paid her dues and determinedly risen through the time-consuming ranks of myriad community committees and sub-leadership roles.

She's finally made it, and her relish for being president is more than apparent. But the sidelines have eyes.

As a woman, she has an important role, said Aviva Freedman, a "quasi-sister" for 20 years and a professor of linguistics at Carleton. "People are going to be watching her carefully and very closely," she said.

Far from being a neophyte, Molot is smart and politically savvy. An academic with excellent credentials, she teaches at The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton as well as the university's department of political science. The Ottawa native has a BA and an MA from McGill University and PhD from the University of California at Berkeley.

Molot's research bailiwick is the evolution and privatization of state-owned enterprises, Canada-U.S. economic relations, Canadian foreign economic policy and international political economy. Currently, she is in the first year of a four-year research project (funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada strategic grants program) along with Dr. Lorraine Eden, on the political economy of Canada-U.S.-Mexico free trade, focusing on the auto industry as a case study.

Academia's rigor and collegiality have left their mark on Molot's politics and leadership style. "She's definitely a consensus-builder," said Vaad past-president Stephen Victor, a civil litigation lawyer with Kimmel, Victor & Ages. "She listens to all sides of an argument in the pedantic way of a professor and makes a decision on a rational basis."

A touch of authoritarianism pervades Molot's style. It's not ego; rather, it's an earnest desire to get the job done. She's tackled the budget and allocation process by getting rid of the panel system. "Organizations have to be continuously attentive to operations and make changes when [their] structures have outlived their usefulness," she said. "That was my sense with the panel system."

Further streamlining will see that all budget submissions and major agency requirements will be brought to the attention of the priorities, planning and budget committee (PP&B), Molot said. "I hope that this initial budget review will be thorough and allow for a direct dialogue between PP&B and the agencies."

Molot also wants to clean up PP&B's act especially when it comes to the board of trustees' approval of the community budget. (In previous years, trustees first saw the budget on the same night they approved it.) She wants the budget recommendations to be "submitted to the board of trustees sufficiently in advance of the meeting" for an adequate review.

Mentally tough

While Molot gets a little impatient with bureaucracy, she's actually aware of the importance of time and its bridging qualities. Her main concern is the location and construction of a new Jewish community campus, a process fraught with false starts. "The fact that it moves so slowly frustrates us all," she said.

"You have to be a little philosophical about it and hope that you [help] move the process along," she said, borrowing a page from her academic notebook. Still, she always knows where she's going.

"[Maureen] leads by force of intellect and her commitment to Judaism," said Victor. "She's mentally tough."

Add private and very guarded.

It's a mistake to say she's unfeeling, said Freedman. "It's not a sense of being unfeeling, but a sense of controlling [her] feelings and channelling them.

"She tries to control her feelings and strong ambition in a highly focused way and not allow others to give way to self-indulgent [and wasteful] emotions," said Freedman. "I don't think she suffers fools gladly," Freedman said.

Her approach has perhaps been influenced by the traumatic death of a close family member from cancer — a subject she prefers not to talk about. "To live in the past is not to deal with the reality — and the future," she said.

In the normal sense, Maureen Molot is not charismatic. Her forte is in providing direction and control to the fastest-growing Jewish community in Canada and preserving the small-town character of Ottawa.

One obvious example is the Chevra Kadisha. "That's a real treasure in this community," she said. It's purely volunteer-driven, and a testament to the caring hands of a smaller place. "It makes us tick," she said. "It's important to keep that going."

But as Ottawa grows as a destination for Montrealers and Torontonians, sheer numbers may necessitate other choices.

Molot's challenges range from managing the community's growth, to providing community services and enticing, cajoling and doing whatever it takes to raise funds. That job is even more difficult due to the recession, the enormous demands from Israel, and the unanswered question of whether the community will be able to sustain yet another big campaign, even when the stakes are high.

"There's no nest egg," she said. "We basically spend what we're able to raise."

As the past chairman of the community relations committee, Molot is also concerned with how others see the community and its activities. "I think it's important to know where individual institutions are coming from," she said, recalling a story about her uncle, a worker for State of Israel Bonds.

"Uncle," she asked. "Why do you read eight papers a day?"

"You've got to know what they say about you," was his reply.

"I never forgot that."

Enter the skepticism of the media. "We have to know what people are saying about us," she said. "We have a responsibility to meet with the local press if they dissatisfy us," she said, referring to *The Ottawa Citizen*. (In the past, the paper has published articles and cartoons Molot and others have deemed offensive to the community.)

Those who know Molot say she's tirelessly devoted to her 20-year-old son Alex, 13-year-old daughter Edie and husband Henry, a Q.C. For Molot, family comes first in work and recreation. She skates, cross-country skis and also enjoys popping movies into the VCR. Political discussions with close friends are a natural too.

She's also intensely committed to Israel and her Jewish roots are strong. "The very fact that she took a sabbatical in Israel [10 years ago] was revealing," said Freedman.

Flanked by a grim, desolate painting of a Holocaust-era prisoners' march under a fire-hot reddish sun in the Vaad's boardroom, Molot is acutely aware of the burden she carries. She's infused with the vitality of a growing community, but is mindful of her connection and responsbility to the past.

She's tethered to an anchor not of her own choosing; but unlike most, she's found an appropriate place to put it.

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OPERATION EXODUS

B.C.'s Jewish history displayed in exhibit

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A creamy satin wedding dress, tiny-waisted with seeded pearls, circa 1912, along with Torah covers, matzoh covers, kiddush cups plus a big collection of apothecary paraphernalia, old-fashioned doctors' bags, medical and legal records are all lovingly displayed at an historical exhibit. A Thread in the Coat, which opened at the Jewish Community Centre here recently, to coincide with the national show, A Coat of Many Colours, which is currently on display at the University of British Columbia.

This nostalgic array of historic and recent artifacts helps tell the story of the life of the Jews in British Columbia — Jews who were born here or who came from other lands.

The B.C. show was organized by the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society, in co-operation with the Jewish Historical Society of B.C. and the Yukon, and the JCC.

"The items in our exhibit are not necessarily Jewish only. They also show the creativity in the lives of the Jewish people," said Phyllis Solomon, of the JFAS, who along with the society's executive director, Janice Diner Brinley and the Jewish Historical Society's executive director, Andrea Finkelstein, organized the event. The exhibition, which runs to Nov. 4, covers a 120-year period in the Jewish history of the province.

The wedding dress and formal men's wedding attire were worn in August of 1912 by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lesser, according to their daughter, Rheta Sigler.

One of the truly historic items is a goblet, circa 1875, brought from England at the end of the 19th century by Rabbi Marcus Berner, who was the rabbi in Victoria for 10 years.

Dating back to 1889 and the early 1890s are land title certificates, tax receipts, a fire insurance policy and a document appointing William Seidelman as being in charge of mail deliveries in Vancouver.

Seidelman was one of the city's pioneer settlers. Born in Budapest, he immigrated to Seattle and later to Vancouver in 1889 where he firmly established himself in the community.

The flying suit worn by Dr. Iser Steiman during the Second World War, when he was a flight lieutenant in the RCAF, has a fascinating background. Steiman, a graduate of the Manitoba Medical School, was a pioneer practitioner in Kamsack, Sask., covering his vast territory by snowmobile, before joining the air force.

Textbook translated

While in the service he discovered a Russian textbook on aviation medicine, which he translated into English and which brought him to the attention of scientists at Yale. After the war he came to Vancouver and served as a family doctor, specializing in the rehabilitation of chronic alcoholics. Steiman's book is reviewed in a clipping from the *Vancouver Sun*.

Back in the "good old days," pharmacists made pills according to doctors' prescriptions, rather than counting them out of a manufacturer's jar as they do now. From Knowlton Drugs, the oldest pharmacy in Vancouver, there's a collection of chemical bottles, a herb masher, a pill molder and other pharmaceutical utensils.

This store has been operated since the 1950s by Michael Ratner and Alvin Rogosin and is the only pharmacy supplying and servicing ships coming into the harbor. Classical pharmacy is still practised, with ointments and cosmetics made on the premises.

The old-fashioned version of the computer, an abacus, is on display. It was used by Dr. Ralph Yorsh in his dental office, who acquired it in 1947 from his father who used it for many years in his general store in Saskatchewan. The father bought it in Russia in 1892.

A fur lapping machine, used by Dodek Furs and Stone Furs, was loaned to the display by the Vancouver Museum.

A knife and sharpening stone used for shechita, brought from Israel, has become part of the B.C. Jewish community's history because shechita was discontinued in British Columbia in 1986 and kosher meat is brought in from other parts of Canada.

One of the interesting photos is of the Pelman family in their vintage car. The car was stolen and was dredged up from the water in the 1980s and through the licence plates traced to the original owners.

A UBC doctorate diploma, awarded to Justice Samuel Davis Schultz, is on display. Schultz, born in Victoria in 1865, and educated at Toronto's Osgoode Hall, was the first Jew in Canada to be named to the bench, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in 1914.

Photos by famed photographer Leonard Frank (CJN Sept. 5) are given a prominent spot in the display, which includes also his trusty large box camera (a Korona Royal) complete with plate holder.

And just to give the show the right Jewish touch, there's a mezuzzah, brought from Russia in 1908 by the Pelmans; a Purim gragger, used at the first Purim service in 1932 at Beth Israel Synagogue; a Chanukah menorah, received as a premium for a subscription to the Yiddish newspaper from New York, Der Tag; gravestone rubbings of Dina Letvinof, who died in 1912 — the first Jewish girl to graduate from Montreal's McGill University, and of Morris Price, Victoria, who was killed by Indians and was the first interment in the Jewish Cemetery in Victoria.

There's lots more to see — so be prepared to spend a couple of hours at A Thread in the Coat. If you're planning to be in Vancouver, be sure to see the show at the JCC at 950 West 41st. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Mondays through Thursdays; 3 p.m. Fridays, and 4 p.m. Sundays.

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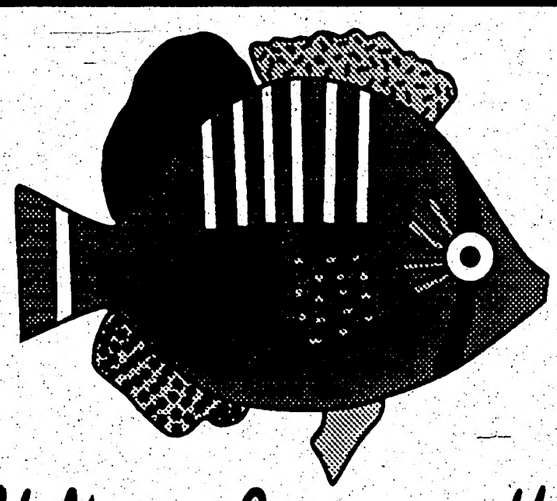
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Organizations and People

Feferman uses artistic skills to liven up Baycrest Centre

TORONTO —

Ellaine Feferman says she wanted to make a contribution to Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, but couldn't see herself sitting on a committee or working in the gift shop.

"So I decided to donate some of my talent as an artist," she says.

Feferman, a decorative painter who does faux finishing and stencilling on walls and furniture for her clients in Toronto, contacted Vivienne Marcus, Baycrest's art co-ordinator, and offered her services.

After discussions with Baycrest's art committee, they decided that a series of large pillars in the dining room of the Jewish Home for the Aged needed to be brightened up.

"They were very drab and because they were so neutral in color, some of the residents were bumping into them," says Marcus.

The artist began by applying a painted finish to each of the 19 pillars and then added her own stencilled design of fruits and vines to some of them.

"We decided to do the pillars and designs in different colors to help the residents locate their tables in the dining room more easily," explains Fefferman.

So far the project has taken her more than 40 hours, and much of this time has been spent perched up on a ladder in the dining room, located across from the busy Silverman Garden Court on the main floor of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

"I've had lots of comments from the elderly people and staff who pass by every day — everything from compliments about my painting to fears for my safety up here on the ladder," says Feferman.

Marcus says she hopes that other artists will come forward and offer their creative services.

"Our residents and staff will enjoy seeing Ellaine's work for many years to come," she says. "She has made a unique contribution to the centre by donating her time and talent in this way."

Ellaine Feferman, a Toronto decorative artist, donated many hours of work to Baycrest Centre by painting stencils onto pillars in the dining room at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

COURTYARD SUKKAH

Cummer Lodge Mitzvah Volunteers prepared the sukkah in the courtyard of Cummer Lodge. Residents were escorted into the sukkah by the volunteers throughout Sukkot, where they recited the appropriate blessings and partook of refreshments. Shown above (front row from left) are Cummer Lodge residents Nettie Berger and Norman Leigh. Back row (from left) are Cummer Lodge Mitzvah Volunteers Ann Moran and Barbara Ber.

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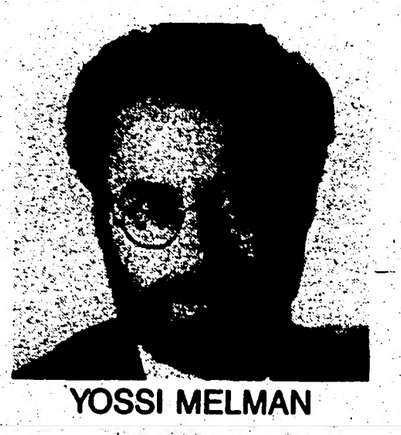

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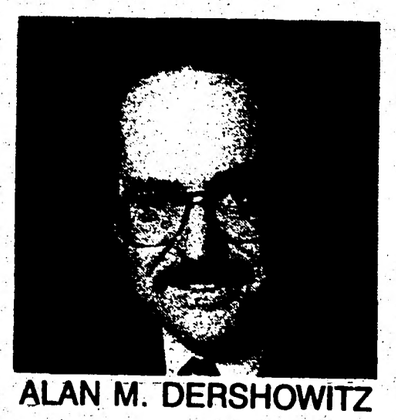

ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 9

8:30 P.M.

YOSSI MELMAN, co-author of ***Every Spy a Prince: The Complete History of Israel's Intelligence Community***, will speak on **"Middle East Update: Hostile Partners and Strange Bedfellows"**.
Lecture and Reception
$7.50

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10

10:30 A.M.

RABBI CHAIM NUSSBAUM, author of ***Semblance and Reality: A Kabbalistic, Biblical Perspective*** will speak on **"The Mystic and Contemporary Man"**.
Free

1:30 P.M.

SHEVA ZUCKER, will speak in Yiddish on ***"Women in Yiddish Literature."***
Sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Kultur Geselshaft.
$4.00

4:00 P.M.

ALLAN GOULD, author of ***What Did They Think of the Jews?***, will speak on **"The Remarkable Range of Gentile Jew-Hatred *and Jew Love* - from Ancient History to Today"**. Sponsored by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library.
Free

8:30 P.M.

ANNE ROIPHE, author of ***The Pursuit of Happiness***, will speak on **"Children Who Break-Away: Can They Survive as Jews Without a Past History and Religious Convictions?"**.
Sponsored by Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch and Ontario Region, United Synagogue of America.
$6.00

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 11

10:30 A.M.

BARBARA RUSH, tells stories from ***The Diamond Tree: Jewish Tales From Around the World*** written by Howard Schwartz and Barbara Rush.
Free

1:30 P.M.

JOY FIELDING, author of ***See Jane Run*** will speak on **"Women's Identity: Lost and Found"**.
Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section.
Free

8:30 P.M.

RABBI DOW MARMUR, author of ***The Star of Return*** will speak on **"Judaism After the Holocaust"**. Sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple.
$5.00

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 12

10:30 A.M.

ARNIE GOTFRYD, author of ***Fusion: Absolute Standards in a World of Relativity*** will speak on **"Where Torah and Science Meet"**. Sponsored by Emunah Women of Toronto.
Free

1:30 P.M.

A Tribute to **I.B. Singer**. A screening of the recent film ***"The Forward - From Immigrants to Americans"***. A look at the history of North America's most famous Yiddish newspaper which was the first to publish I.B. Singer's early writings.
Free

8:30 P.M.

GEORGE TOPAS, author of ***The Iron Furnace: A Holocaust Survivor's Story***, will speak on **"The Dynamics of the Holocaust: Can It Happen Again?"** Sponsored by Holocaust Rememberance Comittee, JFGT.
$5.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 13

10:30 A.M.

SHELDON & JUDITH GODFREY, authors of ***Burn This Gossip***, will speak on **"The True Story of George Benjamin of Belleville, Canada's First Jewish Member of Parliament"**.
Sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, and Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre.
Free

1:30 P.M.

FRANCES BERKOFF, author of ***Power Eating***, will speak on **"How Nutrition Affects Life-Long Health and Your Day-to-Day Ability to Handle Stress, Make Decisions and Perform at Your Peak"**. Sponsored by Women's Health Club, Jewish Community Centre.
Free

8:30 P.M.

DANIEL RICHLER, author of ***Kicking Tomorrow***, will speak on **"How Does a Jewish Identity Happen to a Person?"** Sponsored by B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto.
$5.00

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 14

10:30 A.M.

"DIFFERENT TRAINS"

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1:30 P.M.

MORLEY TORGOV, author of ***St. Farb's Day***, will speak on **"Learning to Love Lawyers Through Literature"**. Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto.
Free

8:30 P.M.

ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ*, author of ***Chutzpah***, will speak on **"How Much Chutzpah Do Jews Really Have?"** Sponsored by Jewish National Fund.
$25.00
*By arrangement with The Fischer Ross Group

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 16

8:30 P.M.

JOSH FREED, author of ***Sign Language and Other Tales of Montreal Wildlife*** will speak on **"Resisting the Other Diaspora"**. Sponsored by Na'amat Canada.
$6.00

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17

8:30 P.M.

MICHAEL MARRUS, author of ***Mr. Sam***, will speak on **"Sam Bronfman and the Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community"**. Sponsored by Label Basman Memorial Scholarship Fund and Secular Jewish Association. Lecture and Reception.
$6.00

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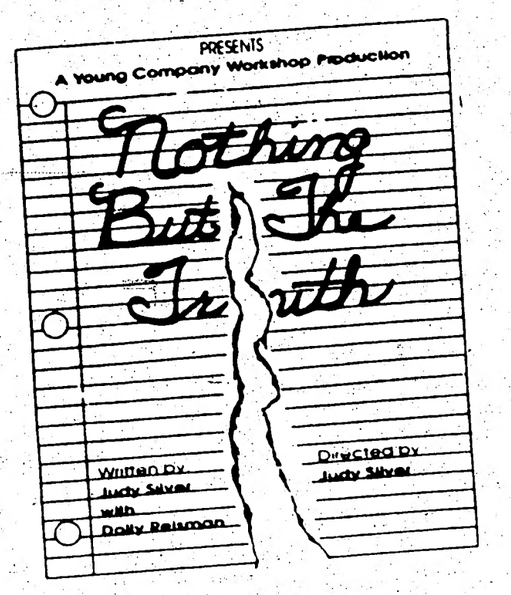

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Organizations and People

Senior Care recognizes volunteers

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
More than 350 friends and staff members of Senior Care turned out at Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently to honor the agency's many volunteers at its annual Volunteer Recognition Night.

Elliott Peranson, president of the board of Senior Care and himself a dedicated volunteer, told the group that they were there "to recognize the vital contribution that we as volunteers give to this agency."

Senior Care is a non-profit, social service agency that helps provide specialized services for individuals who wish to live independently in their own homes. Its many programs and services include caregiver relief, nutritional support, palliative care and the very popular Meals on Wheels.

As well, professional health care aides, homemakers and housekeepers are available to help out in such areas as personal care, shopping and meal preparation, laundry and companionship.

Ruth Margles, chairman of the volunteer development committee said that "this volunteer force is vital. There is no way we could pay for the services you perform for our clients. Your efforts are appreciated and essential."

Elaine Ziemba, minister of citizenship, guest speaker for the evening, congratulated all the volunteers and said that "volunteers make a community-based agency work. They also help the government because we could not help all seniors that are alone. We all need your help."

She said that her ministry is working very hard on an Advocacy Act, "a very emotionally bound act specifically for vulnerable adults and those who have been abused. We must develop a system to prevent abuse of these vulnerable adults."

She said this act is very important because not everyone has family and friends to help them. "They are not aware of anyone they could turn to for help even though there is a need to have someone looking out for them."

Ziemba said the government is introducing another act set out to assure that if a vulnerable adult needs a guardian, an advocate will go out and explain to that person exactly what having a guardian entails.

A third act in the works, the Health Consent Act, is also intended for vulnerable adults. "A guardian will assist in making sure that things are explained properly when the vulnerable adult is receiving health treatment. As well, the act allows for any of us to write out the type of treatment we prefer if the time comes when we cannot speak for ourselves."

She added that a commission has been set up to investigate unregulated nursing homes. "Changes must be implemented in these homes to protect residents against abuse."

Ziemba told the group that with all these changes in the works, "we have a busy path ahead with a lot of work but with your help this path will one day be a path of gold."

In addition to recognizing 10- and 15-year volunteers, Senior Care presented the Marie and Jack Freedman Memorial Award to Ruth Margles.

The Selma Eisen Educational Award went to Danny Heuman and the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award was awarded to Bill and Edie Dunn.

Comedian Larry Horowitz, who volunteered his time for the evening, entertained.

Hamilton doctor was devoted to Jewish life

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Loved by his patients, respected by his colleagues, revered and admired by the Jewish community as one of its outstanding leaders, Dr. Jack J. Shekter died here recently at the age of 67.

Concern for others, especially the welfare of the Jewish community, the Jewish people and Israel, motivated his life.

Even towards the end of his two-year battle with cancer, recalled fellow physician, Dr. Franklyn Shapiro, in a moving tribute, "Jack demonstrated his interest . . . and as usual, had some sage advice."

Shapiro spoke for the hundreds assembled at Beth Jacob Synagogue for the funeral service when, choking with emotion and barely audible, he said he owed his lifelong friend, who "touched my life as he touched so many of yours in a very special way," for ". . . your wisdom . . . your warm smile . . . the outstanding role model you have been. . . ."

Born and raised in Hamilton, Shekter dropped out of high school at the age of 16 when his father suffered a disabling stroke.

He went to work as a salesman and also played trumpet and trombone in a band that included his brother, Ben, and brother-in-law, Sam Taylor.

In 1943 he enlisted with the RCAF as a navigator and after the war, sold real estate for five years.

Deciding that this was not his kind of life, Shekter applied to all the medical schools in the province but was refused because of his age. But determined to study, he went to Queen's University and "personally sold himself." At a time when mature students were rare, he was a curiosity — until he stood first in his class.

Despite his busy family practice, Shekter gave unstintingly of himself.

Hamilton's Negev Dinner honoree for 1978, he was a past president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, chairman of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Education, of the medical division of the Hamilton UJWF and of the Friends of the Hebrew University.

He served on the executive of the Hamilton JNF, was a member of B'nai Brith and was also a past president of Shalom Village, where he served as a volunteer medical director.

As well, Shekter served as president of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine, was a former chief of staff at St. Joseph's Hospital and served on the executive of the family medicine section of the Ontario Medical Association.

He was assistant clinical professor in the department of family practice at McMaster University medical school and in 1985, was appointed head of the department of family practice for Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals.

An avid amateur radio operator, Shekter was known to many fellow Jewish "hams" throughout the world as a member of Chaverim, a network of Jewish amateur radio enthusiasts, and was instrumental in organizing a chapter for central and eastern Canada as well as the annual picnic in Kingston.

Shekter is survived by his British-born wife, Sonya, whom he met and married in Israel; sons Lee and his wife, Randi, and Michael; daughter Helayna; his sister, Claire Latner, and brother, Ben. He was predeceased by his brother Harry.

Young leadership awards presented

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Larry Rosenberg and Michael Werier are this year's recipients of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Young Leadership Awards. Werier, a lawyer, received the Harry Silverberg Leadership Development Award while Rosenberg, a chartered accountant, received the Max Nathanson Young Leadership Award.

Rosenberg's involvement in the community has been mainly through the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. He is a member of the executive of the Winnipeg chapter, co-chaired its Professional and Business Division and currently co-chairs its Young Leadership Division.

He also chairs the Accountants' Division of the Combined Jewish Appeal, of which he is a cabinet member and is on the board of directors of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Werier is past president of the board of directors of the Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS) and is currently president of its JCFS Capital Fund Inc. He is on the board of directors of Ramah Hebrew School and vice-president of the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre.

Werier and Rosenberg received their Young Leadership Awards recently in Baltimore at the annual general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations. They will be recognized by the WJCC at its annual meeting in December.

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Nicholas Vardin, P.Eng.,
City Engineer and Commissioner,
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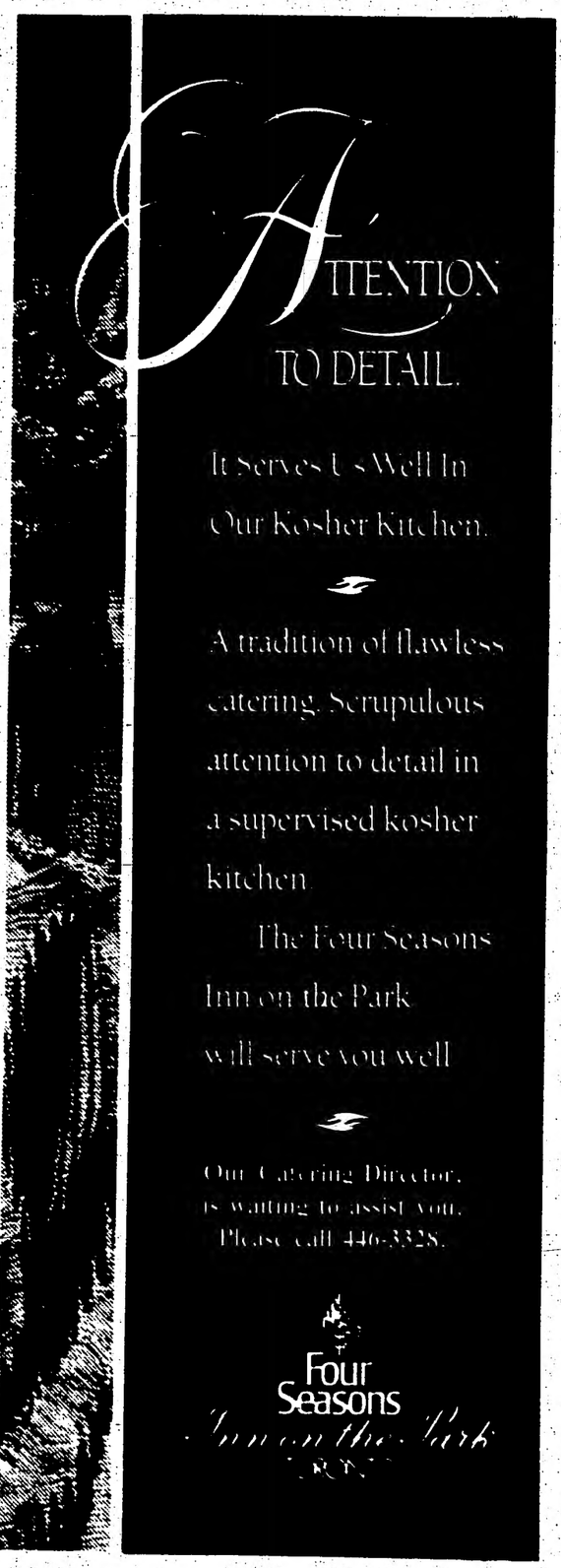

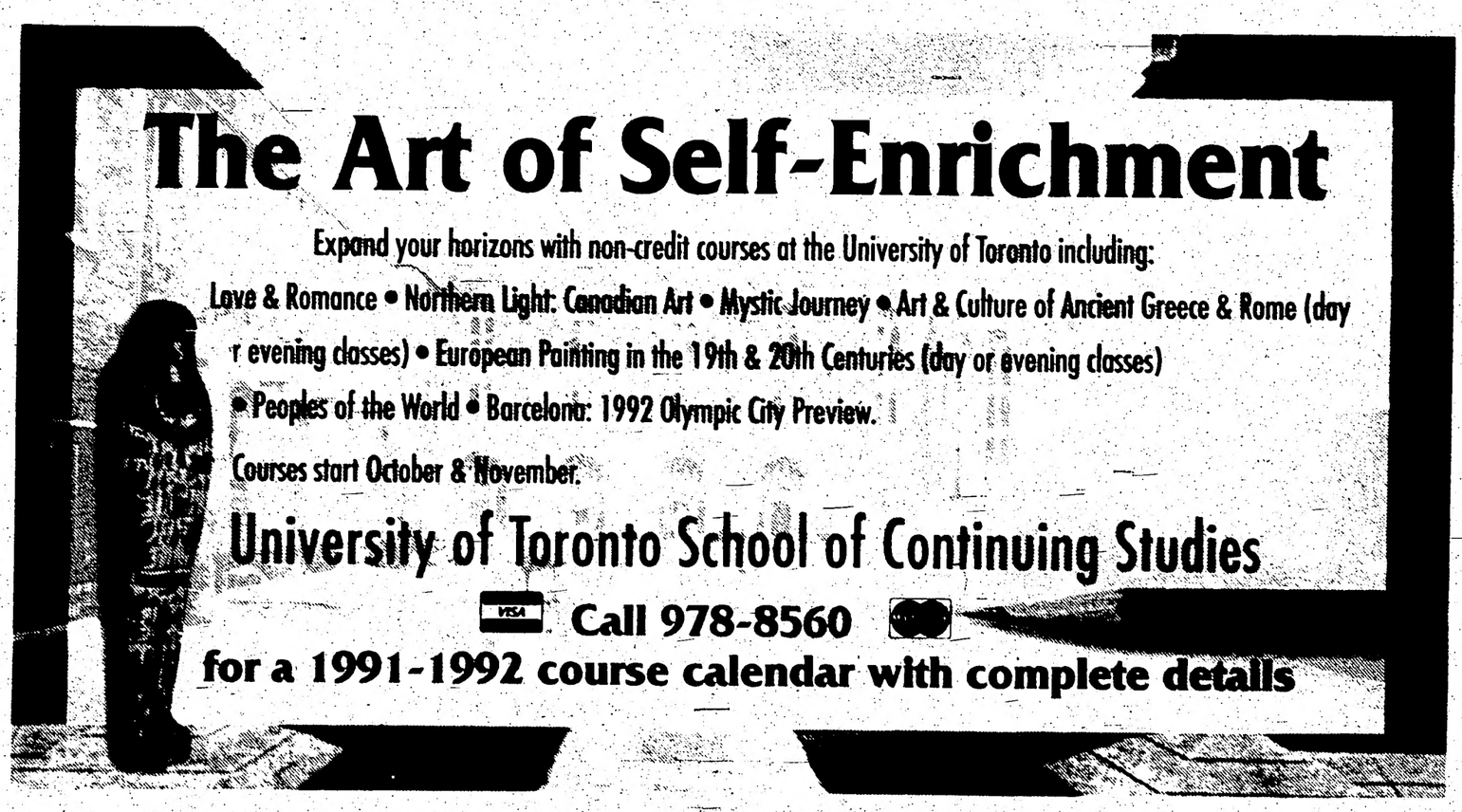
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BB League to fete Abellas

TORONTO —

Rosalie and Prof. Irving Abella will each be honored with a special human rights award at the 17th Annual Media Human Rights Awards sponsored by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

The awards will be presented at the League's marquee event on Dec. 10 at the Sheraton Centre. The evening is in conjunction with International Human Rights Day.

Special awards are presented for outstanding lifetime commitment and achievement in the protection and promotion of human rights. Rosalie Silberman Abella has an outstanding record for championing human rights causes as an author on issues including the Charter and as chairman of the Ontario Law Reform Commission.

Rosalie Abella

Irving Abella

She is a former commissioner for the Ontario Human Rights Commission (1975-80), has served as a member of th premier's advisery committee on confederation, Ontario (1977-82), and chaired the study on access to legal services by the disabled (1982-83).

As the sole commissioner of the Royal Commission on Equality in Employment she oversaw the development of the term and concept "Employment Equity." She is presently on the board of editors of the National Journal of Constitutional Law and Human Rights. She has also received 14 honorary degrees and was a member of Maclean's magazine honor roll in 1990.

Irving Abella is a professor of history at Glendon College, York University. He is best known in the Jewish community for two of his books: *None is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe* which he wrote with Prof. Harold Troper, and on his most recent work *A Coat of Many Colours: Two Hundred Years of Jewish Life in Canada* which accompanied the museum exhibit.

None is Too Many received the prestigious National Jewish Book Award of the United States. Abella has written extensively on anti-Semitism and Jewish communal life in Canada. He is presently a director of the New Israel Fund and a vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

His activities also include serving as an executive with the Interfaith Task Force on Soviet Jewry and as chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

"The two recipients of this year's Special Awards exemplify everything the League stands for and we feel it is appropriate to add them to the list of previous honorees," stated Rochelle Wilner, co-chair of the event. "The program is to encourage and promote human rights and these two individuals use their own medium to deliver that message."

Peter Gzowski, host of CBC's *Morningside*, will be the emcee for the event.

Previous recipients of the Special Human Rights Award include Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Walter Tarnopolsky, Stephen Lewis, Daniel Hill and Jacobo Timmerman.

For further information contact Zana Glina or Lorne Shipman at (416) 633-6224.

Religious Zionism's future focus of Mizrachi convention

TORONTO —

Religious Zionism facing the 21st century will be the theme of this year's national convention of Canadian Mizrachi, to be held Sunday, Oct. 13 at Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. in Willowdale.

Highlights of the program will include a shiur by Rabbi Meir Goldwicht of Yeshiva University entitled Halachic parameters of land for peace. This is open to men and women.

Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University, currently Raoul Wallenberg professor of human rights at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, will speak in the evening on The Condition of world Jewry.

At an evening reception, Jack Kahn will be installed as national president of Mizrachi, succeeding Kurt Rothschild.

Also being installed will be Dr. Howard Langer, as Toronto president and Avrum Drazin, Montreal president.

Plenary sessions will include one on Orthodox unity in Israel and the Diaspora and another on the future of Canadian religious Zionism.

Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and a national vice president, will serve as convention chairman.

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Toronto Mizrachi is planning another series of lectures in its Mercaz Ruchani Torah Institute Adult Education program.

Speakers during the year will include Prof. Zev Lev, Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, Rabbi Mordechai Willig and Rabbi Hershel Schachter.

The organization is also planning its fourth annual trip to Israel, to run from Dec. 23 to Jan. 6.

Highlights of the trip will include visits to Netanya, Safed, Haifa, and Beersheva, as well as the presentation of a sefer Torah by a Toronto family to Yeshivat Hesder Shilo.

For more information on Mizrachi activities, contact the office at 630-7575.

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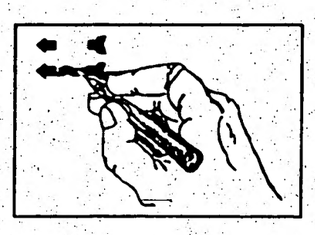

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

You can be a candidate for the municipal election by filing a nomination paper with the City Clerk on Tuesday, October 8, Wednesday, October 9, and Thursday, October 10, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, October 11, 1991, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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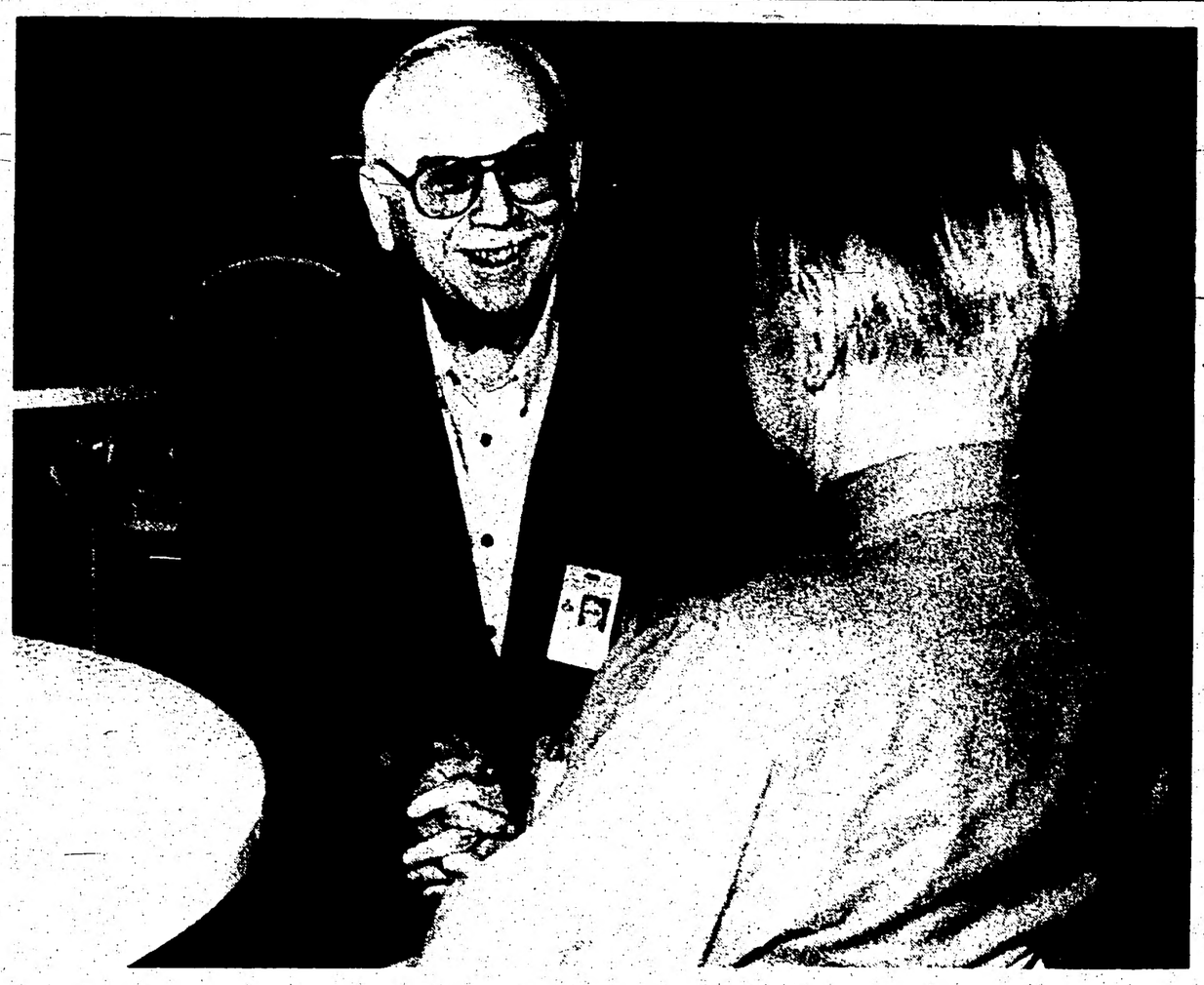

Al Batcher (left) comforts a patient at Baycrest Centre's Palliative Care Unit.

Batcher comforts terminally ill

TORONTO —

Barely five minutes late, volunteer Al Batcher arrives on the Palliative Care Unit of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care to find a patient anxiously searching for him.

One of 40 people involved in the Centre's Palliative Care volunteer program, Batcher, 68, visits three terminally ill patients on the unit two mornings each week.

"Most patients look forward to seeing a familiar face other than doctors and nurses, especially if they have no family," he says.

"Depending on the patient's condition, sometimes you have to do all the talking or just hold their hands and let them know someone cares, but other patients enjoy going for walks and you can develop a real friendship."

There are some things a dying person wants to say that he won't tell his family and a volunteer like Batcher can provide a much-needed ear.

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Adds Batcher, "I think this is a very good program. Most patients and families are grateful and that's what it's all about."

Begun stresses Soviet links

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Strong links are needed between Soviet Jews and Israel and with Jews in the Diaspora if they are to develop or retain any Jewish values, Yosef Begun, the renowned Refusenik, said here recently.

The process of assimilation for Soviet Jews has gone so far that it can only be reversed by an active campaign to restore their Judaism, he told a meeting of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario region.

Soviet olim in Israel also need help and Begun suggested that Jews in the West should provide a market for the works of Soviet artists, musicians and actors now living in Israel.

There is a plan afoot to have Soviet olim who were activists in the Soviet Union to make contact with their former communities to encourage small groups of Jews to forge links with Israel and Judaism.

This could lead to a form of twinning between towns in Israel and the Soviet, Begun said.

'We're just becoming involved in the integration of the 16,000 to 20,000 Soviet Jews in Toronto," said Wendy Eisen, co-chairman of the National Soviet Jewry committee.

Joyce Eklove chaired the meeting.

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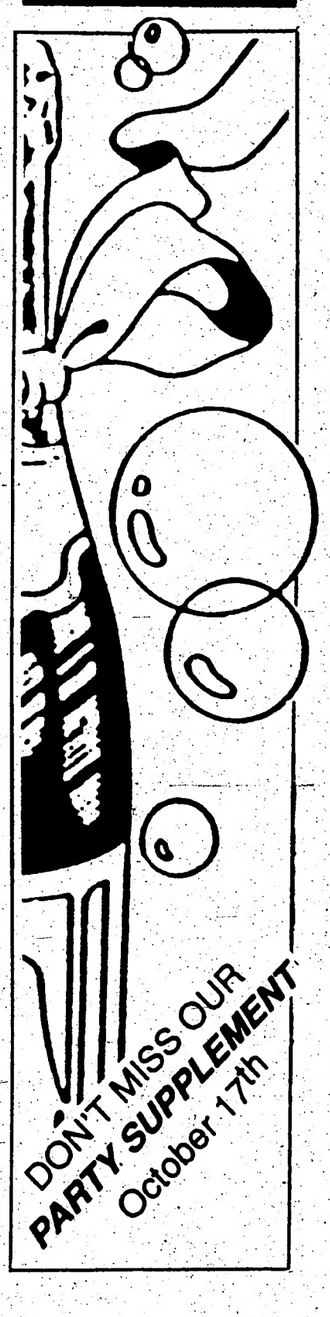

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The Nominating Committee of City Council will recommend qualified candidates for these positions. **Only residents or ratepayers of the City of Toronto are eligible.** Attendance at the introduction seminar relating to the agency of interest **is a pre-condition to applying for appointment.**

If you have any questions regarding application procedures, you may call 392-0476.

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An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, 1991,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.

Agency	Time	No. of Vacancies
Toronto Recycling Action Committee (2 year term)	7:00 p.m.	7
Non-Profit Housing (Cityhome) (Term of Council)	8:00 p.m.	6 (One of whom must be a tenant of Cityhome)
Task Force to Bring Back the Don (Remainder of term to expire Nov. 30, 1992)	9:00 p.m.	2

An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Monday, October 21, 1991,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.

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Toronto Public Library Board (Term of Council)	8:00 p.m.	6
Planning Advisory Committee (3 year term)	9:00 p.m.	6

An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Monday October 28, 1991,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.

Committee of Adjustment (Term of Council)	7:00 p.m.	9
Toronto Historical Board (3 year term)	8:00 p.m.	5
City Cycling Committee (2 year term)	9:00 p.m.	5

An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Wednesday, October 30, 1991,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.

St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts (Term of Council)	7:00 p.m.	11
Board of Health (18 month term)	8:00 p.m.	1
Peace Committee (Term of Council)	9:00 p.m.	8 (2 of whom must be from Peace groups)

Social service reform a must, Ontario's Akande tells JVS

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Despite tough economic times, Ontario is committed to reshaping the delivery of social services, Community and Social Services Minister Zanana Akande told last week's annual general meeting of Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto.

Quoting Premier Bob Rae, Akande said although restraint will determine how the government does business in the future, Queen's Park is equally determined to deliver on its promises of soeial justice.

That means the NDP is moving ahead on overhauling long-term health care and vocational rehabilitation, Akande said.

The government will also reform the sheltered workshop system by shifting some of its participants to the regular work force, the minister added.

The meeting paid tribute to JVS executive director Bernard Berger, who is retiring from the agency where he's worked for 40 years, the last six as its top staff person.

Outgoing JVS president Elliott Eisen passed the torch to Beverly Lyons, who will lead the agency for a three-year term.

In 1988, when Eisen took office, the JVS annual budget was $1.8 million. Today, it is $3.2 million with a staff of 78, he pointed out.

Eisen summarized the activities of JVS's four departments: the Career Counselling Centre, the Placement Centre, the Educational Counselling Centre and the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre.

Recession hurt centre

The recession, he said, took a bite out of the Placement Centre, but that was dealt with by holding group sessions. Because of the large influx of Soviet immigrants to Toronto, the centre has hired a Russian speaking counsellor.

Last June, JVS co-sponsored a Career Opportunities Evening for Soviet emigres. One hundred people were expected and 400 turned out, Eisen said.

Group counselling has also proven successful in the Career Counselling Centre. A new program, WINR (Women in New Roles), provides vocational training for mature women wishing to enter or re-enter the work force, while a psycho-educational and vocational evaluation program (PAVE) screens students seeking to enter the Hebrew day school system, Eisen noted.

The good news at the Educational Counselling Centre, founded in 1964 to address the concerns of students in the Jewish day school system, was an infusion last year of money from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The extra funds allowed the centre to hire more staff, Eisen said.

A program begun last year for the head injured at the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre has proven so successful that the client list of six is outnumbered by a waiting list of 30, Eisen stated.

The centre's computer training program has also been expanded and of its 31 graduates, 17 were able to find fulltime jobs, Eisen reported.

The Vocational Adjustment Program continues to help psychiatric patients re-tool their skills or find a job, while the Training Opportunities for the Disadvantaged in Industry has also opened doors for JVS clients, Eisen added.

Outgoing JVS president Elliott Eisen (second from left) passes the gavel to new president Beverly Lyons. Joining them are JVS executive director Bernard Berger (left) and Community and Social Services Minister Zanana Akande (right). [Graphic Artists photo]

Charging forward

REHOVOT, Israel —

An improved zinc-bromine storage battery, designed to provide back-up power for solar, wind, and other electricity-generating schemes, has been developed by researchers at the Weizmann Institute in Israel and the State University of New York, Syracuse.

Although still in the demonstration stage, this inexpensive battery appears to meet the requirements for large energy-storage banks that could enhance the capabilities of electrical power plants, increase the use of home-based solar electricity production, or power practical electric automobiles.

According to Weizmann Institute Prof. Joost Manassen, who developed the battery with Prof. Israel Cabasso of SUNY, the researchers have already shown that the improved zinc-bromide cell compares favorably with the best of other inexpensive water-based storage batteries. Energy efficiency, the amount of energy stored as a result of energy invested in charging, approaches a healthy 81 per cent. And the stability of the cells is demonstrated by the fact that hundreds of charge-discharge cycles have no effect on battery performance.

Although development work is still required to increase battery size and total energy-storage capability, as well as to build higher voltage units composed of multiple cells, the battery is extremely flexible and easily scaled up.

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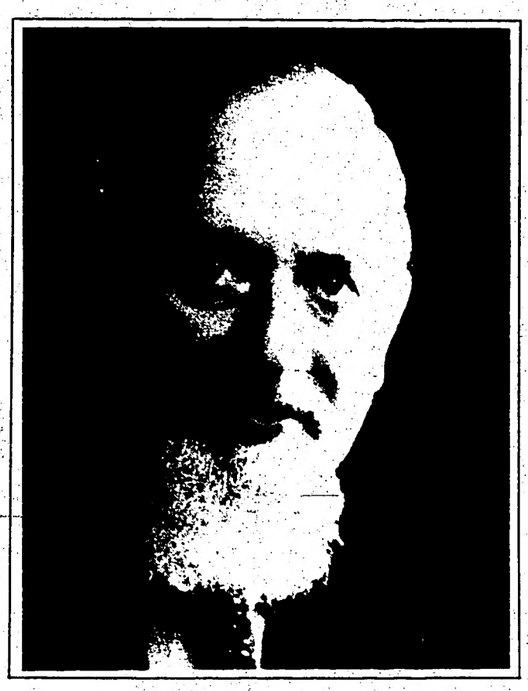

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Organizations and People

Golf a "given" for Berdock

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Bruce Berdock's office walls are lined with plaques and photographs acknowledging his great moments in golf; how-to books and magazines clutter desks and tables and in the corner stands a specially-constructed driver he uses as a training tool.

Outside, near the bolts of cloth he's in the business of selling, stands a beat-up set of clubs that have seen better days — but to get to them you have to walk by another collection of golfing sticks propped up in a corner.

To say Bruce Berdock enjoys golf might be like saying Canadians pay taxes — it's something you take for granted since you do it almost daily.

Berdock acknowledges that he manages to get in 18 holes pretty well every day during the season, and he's parlayed his skills at drowning putts into several tournament wins.

This summer, the 43-year-old was runner-up to Stu Hamilton in the Canadian Mid-Amateur Championships, held at the Toronto Golf Club.

The high finish in the match-play tournament for golfers over 40 sits well with Berdock, who over the years has won about 10 tourneys in Toronto, defeating some of the country's best amateurs in the process. He's also recorded five top-10 finishes in the Ontario Amateur, which, unlike the Mid-Am, is open to all age groups.

In 1979, when he wore a younger man's clothes, he was one of four members of Ontario's Willingdon Cup team, representing the province at the Canadian amateur championships.

And in 1981, he represented Canada at the Maccabiah Games in Israel and finished, he recalls, about sixth. That was the year U.S. ace Corey Pavin captured the gold medal and launched a career that has seen him at or near the top of the USPGA's leader board of money-winners.

Unlike Pavin, Berdock never seriously considered turning pro — at least not in golf.

As he remembers it, he first swung a club around the age of 10 or 11 when a hockey buddy asked him to join him at a course. Berdock took to the sport like creamcheese takes to a bagel.

"I learned the game quickly. I can't recall shooting in the 90s," he said, "I think I was in the 80s to start."

After some years of daily golf at the old Forest Hills Golf Course, he toyed with the idea of turning pro. But in those days, only a handful of colleges offered the golf scholarships that are a key ingredient in developing one's game to a highly competitive level.

Now, even small schools offer them, he said, and pondering the question, he says he might have done things differently if the opportunities were there.

But he has no regrets he didn't pursue golf as a pro career. In fact, he has more regrets he didn't follow up his skills as a hockey player because he now feels he could have played in the post-expansion NHL.

Guys he played with in the old Toronto Hockey League went on to pro careers (though the names he recalls will never find their way to the Hall of Fame), and he could skate rings around some of them, he recalls.

Instead, golf became his passion and despite a bad back he remains a scratch shooter.

Asked to describe his game's strong points, Berdock said, "The strong parts of the game are that, when I'm playing good, I'm good. But I have too many ups and downs during the summer."

One of his fondest memories is scoring a course record 64 (eight under par) at his home course at Oakdale — 18 holes that golfing legend George Knudson played frequently.

He's also won the club championship once and with his wife, Lysa, who he credits with understanding his passion for the game, captured a husband-wife tourney.

Golfer Bruce Berdock shows his form. [Paul Lungen photo]

Druxermans to be honored

TORONTO —

Ruth and Alven Druxerman will be the focus of a gala, black tie testimonial dinner sponsored by Women's Canadian ORT at Toronto's Inn on the Park, on Oct. 20. The gala will take place on the opening night of Women's ORT's 20th national convention.

In recognition of this volunteer couple, ORT will endow a Chair in Computer Managed Manufacturing at the ORT Braude International Institute of Science and Technology in Karmiel, Israel.

"It is with great pride that we pay tribute to Ruth and Alven Druxerman, the 'quintessential volunteer couple'," says Dorothy Shoichet, dinner chairman and a past president of Women's Canadian ORT.

ORT schools

Together, the Druxermans have travelled to ORT schools in many parts of the world, and have been inspired by students and teachers alike. For over 30 years, Ruth has risen through the ranks to serve as regional president of Winnipeg ORT, as national president of Women's Canadian ORT, and now as an honorary vice-president of the World ORT Union.

As international chairman of the ORT Braude International Institute of Technology in Karmiel, Ruth's tireless campaign to raise funds for this unique and beautiful campus in Israel's 'silicon valley' was the most successful in ORT's history.

Conceived as a college where students from the Diaspora would study side-by-side with their Israeli counterparts, this state-of-the-art college welcomed the Russian olim when the Iron Curtain lifted.

Alven Druxerman, chairman of the board of Druxy's Famous Deli Sandwiches Inc. with 51 deli restaurants in Ontario, has shared his wife's commitment to Israel and to ORT's worldwide network of vocational schools.

He has been magnanimous in his support of ORT's financial needs for its network of 202,000 students in 820 schools in 42 countries.

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Ruth and Alven Druxerman

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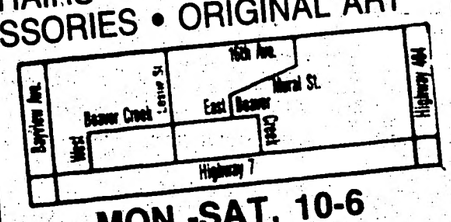

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Gould is first-rate in second-rate Rumors

The Lively ARTS

By FRANK RASKY

When you see no fewer than eight doors on the stage set, you know it's going to be a farce with oddball people popping in and out like bunny rabbits.

And when you see Neil Simon's name billed as the playwright, you know the farce will bombard you with a blizzard of gags about Jewish middle-class neurotics from New York's suburbia.

Well, those two expectations come true in Neil Simon's Broadway farce, *Rumors*, running until Nov. 17 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre (5400 Dixie Rd. in Mississauga, 238-0042).

Unfortunately, the bad news about the farce is that it's second-rate Simon.

Happily, though, the good news about the cast is that they're all first-rate farceurs.

And that, to my surprise, includes the star of the show, Elliott Gould. Why was I surprised?

Well, Gould had me howling with laughter in 1970, when I first saw him in Robert Altman's cool film comedy, *M*A*S*H*, playing a hip, golf-playing, beatnik-style surgeon named Trapper John on the battlefield, creating havoc among the United States Army bureaucrats. I thought he showed signs of becoming a superb light film comic.

However, ever since then — with the exception of his role in the Santa Claus bank robber movie *The Silent Partner*, filmed in Toronto in 1978 — I felt his career had steadily gone downhill.

But I'm glad to report that Gould has redeemed himself as an amusingly crass and greedy chartered accountant named Lenny Ganz in Simon's strained and kitschy piece of gallow's humor.

The farce concerns four middle-aged couples who arrive at a 10th wedding anniversary party to find that the hostess has vanished mysteriously and that the host is locked up in the upstairs bedroom having shot himself through the ear lobes in a botched suicide attempt.

We never do get to meet these two major characters. The thin excuse for a plot, stretched like a wornout girdle, deals with the guests rushing about in a frenzy, spinning lies to each other and the cops in an attempt to protect the reputation of their suicidal host, who is deputy mayor of New York.

The trouble is that the various couples are unlikeable, implausible, and totally superficial, and I couldn't identify with any of them. As one character aptly remarked, "We sound like a couple in a TV sitcom show."

And as Tallulah Bankhead once quipped about another farce, "There's less to this than meets the eye."

To their credit, the largely Canadian cast managed to squeeze laughs out of the barrage of repetitive jokes mostly through sheer mime skill. The two outstanding farceurs were Avery Saltzman as a mousey psychiatrist with burnt fingers, who twists open a doorknob with his stockinged feet; and Miriam Newhouse as his wife, the star of a TV cooking show, who stirs up much hilarity because she's constantly stricken with goofy body spasms.

Gould deservedly won a standing ovation in the climactic scene with a brilliant tour de force of inventive tomfoolery that it would be unfair of me to reveal here. It's sufficient to say that the ex-Trapper John has not lost his rascally, pilfering touch and winds up stealing the show.

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When interviewed after the show in his dressing room, Gould turned out to be a gentle, low-key, sparkly-eyed charmer. Now 53, he's put on a little weight and his black curly hair is streaked with grey. But he remains a handsome man, and a caring father of his three children from two former marriages, and I can understand why women fall for him.

Born in Brooklyn, named in Yiddish Eliahu Ben Ben, the son of a textile buyer, Bernard Goldstein, he said that his Jewish cultural heritage was very meaningful to him. "I would never deny my Jewish roots," he said simply. "I'm proud to be a Jew."

Encouraged by his mother, he has been in showbiz since the age of eight, when he performed in vaudeville acts in synagogues at bar mitzvahs and weddings. While studying at the Professional Children's School in Manhattan, he spent his summer vacations dancing and singing in the Catskills Borscht Circuit.

He married Barbra Streisand in 1963 when they were both performing in the Broadway musical, *I Can Get It For You Wholesale*. Though they divorced in 1971 after producing one child, Jason, he says he's on amiable terms with Barbra. I asked, "What's your nicest memory of Barbra?"

He flashed a fluorescent smile and presented me with a lovely image. "When we were living together in her tiny apartment over Oscar's Sole of the Sea Fish Store," he said, "I still treasure the memory of how I'd wash her hair when we were standing nude in the bathroom shower."

He's been busy recently on two film ventures. He co-stars with Warren Beatty and Ben Kingsley in the movie *Bugsy*. And he has completed six segments of *Sessions*, a new Home Box Office TV series created by Billy Crystal, in which Gould plays a Jewish psychoanalyst named Dr. Sidney Bookman.

"You know what my real ambition is?" he said rather shyly. "I've been asked repeatedly to do it by Topol, the Israeli actor, but I've always answered I'm not ready yet. Well, within the next five years, I think I'll finally be prepared to tackle it. I'd love to sing the role of Tevya in *Fiddler On The Roof*."

Elliott Gould stands out in the Neil Simon farce Rumors at Stage West Dinner Theatre.

Concert set for Shaar Shalom

TORONTO —

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Thornhill's largest Conservative synagogue is planning a cantorial concert to commemorate the first anniversary of the completion of the new sanctuary.

The celebration will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 6 and features Cantors Paul Kowarsky, Benjamin Maissner and Louis Danto in a program of varied liturgical and classical favorites.

The blending of these voices from three major synagogues in Metro Toronto — Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom and Beth Emeth — will no doubt set the tone for a magnificent musical evening, which will be uplifting and memorable in its variety.

The program being planned features chazzanut at its finest, blending in selections from High Holy Day liturgy and festival/traditional favorites. A variety of contemporary compositions will be included to compliment the evening.

Shaar Shalom began in 1974 and for several years was just a fledgling congregation of 50 families tucked away in the basement of a founding member's house. In 1978 Shaar Shalom moved to an unpainted room in a shopping mall and in 1980 to its first permanent location; a one-room building at its present site on 2 Simonston Blvd. just north of Steeles on Don Mills Road.

The synagogue enlarged its facility in 1984 and grappled for five years before building the new edifice it now enjoys. The successful opening day in October 1990 consisted of a Sunday morning service well attended by many dignitaries and then ended with a gala dinner dance.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue has come of age. The congregational families invite others in North Eastern Metro and Thornhill to join their family-style Conservative synagogue. Under the guidance and leadership of Rabbi Howard Markose's inspiring Shabbat/Yom-tov services, daily morning and evening minyans.

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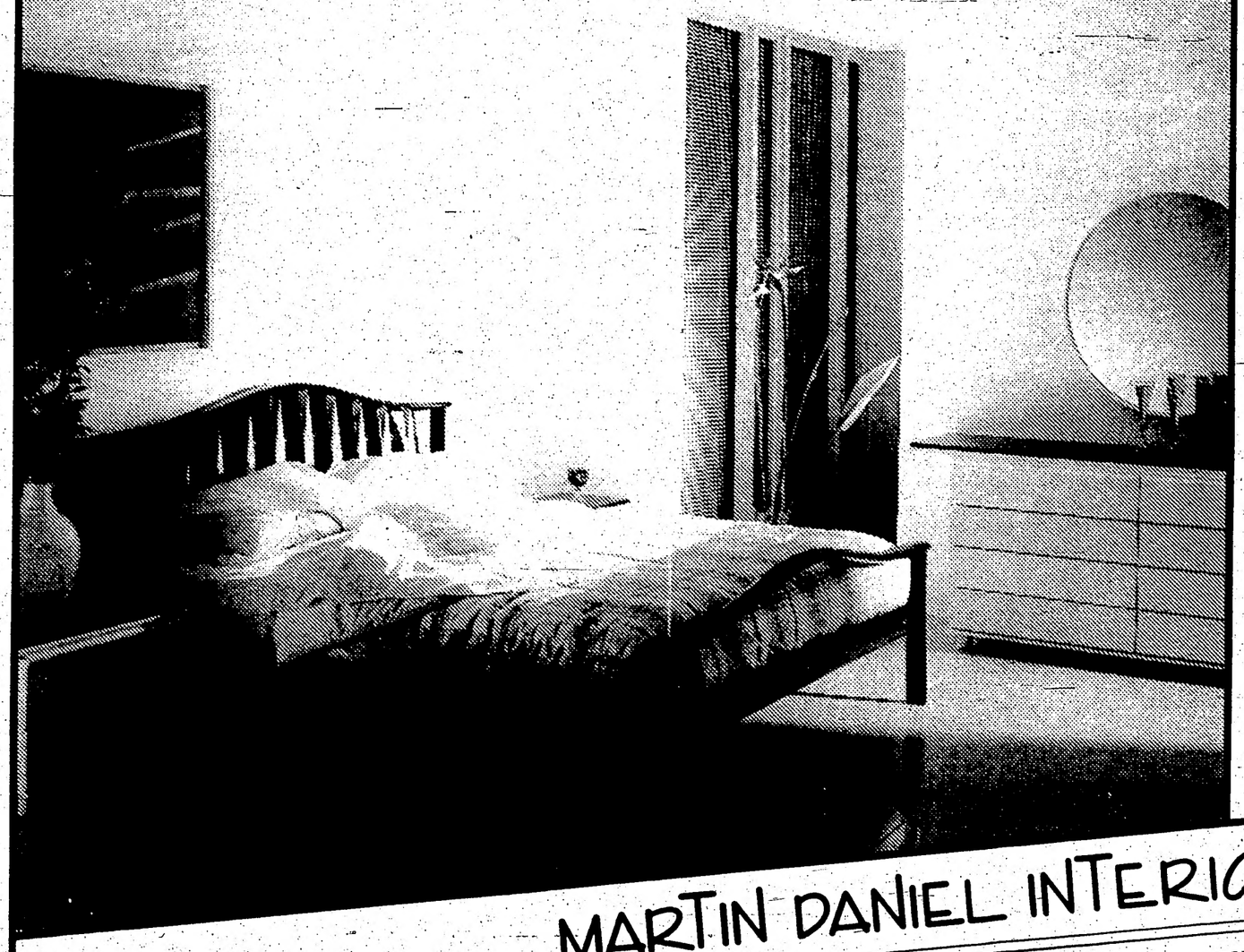

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Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

Toronto composer **Milton Barnes** says his newest musical work contains "just about everything but the wonderful smells of a great Jewish bakery."

His 20-minute suite titled *Harbord Street* was commissioned by **Rafi Kosower**, the 55-year-old music-lover-cum-baker, and his two sisters **Roslyn and Susan**, as a birthday tribute to their mother, **Goldie Kosower**. The entire Kosower clan — including the Polish-born Goldie who is still active at the store — have owned and operated since 1945 the splendid Harbord Bakery at 115 Harbord St. near Spadina (922-5767).

Frank Rasky

Barnes was commissioned to create the piece because the composer himself was born on Harbord Street. Its six movements evoke nostalgia for the colorful downtown neighborhood and are indicated as Parade, Waltzing, Ragtime, Memory of Jazzman Bernie Piltch, Pantomine in the Park, and Saturday Night.

The three Jewish musicians of the Trio Lyra — harp player **Erica Goodman**, flute player **Suzanne Schulman** and viola player **Mark Childs** — will perform the work at noon Oct. 17 at the Church of the Holy Trinity, behind the Eaton Centre (961-9925). Admission is free at the concert, which is part of the CBC series, *Music Around Us*.

"The Trio Lyra is such a fancy name," Barnes says jocularly. "Perhaps for this occasion, we ought to call them the Triple Kimmel Rye."

I urge you to see the six paintings by the Toronto Jewish artist, **Alana Ronald**, on exhibition until Oct. 16 at **Pat Fleisher's** Gallery 291, located at 80 Spadina Ave. near King (364-5541). All are abstracts that sell from $250 to $600; their vivid colors are so sensual that they almost sizzle. And I swear they swirl with exciting rhythms, reflecting the background of the 37-year-old painter as a former soloist pirouetting with the City Ballet Company of Toronto.

She's the bright and beautiful daughter of two arts-loving parents, **Jack Harris**, 72, a cable TV salesman, and **Anne Grossman Harris**, a former fundraiser for the Lubavitch Community Centre on Bathurst Street. She acquired her theatrical flair at the age of five when taken to the Ostrovtser Orthodox Synagogue on Cecil Street.

Artist Alana Ronald

"I sat in the upstairs women's gallery with my maternal grandmother, **Bubbie Dora Grossman**, while **Zayde Izzy Grossman** and my dad participated in the *davening* below," she recalls. "It gave me the sense of being involved in the ritual of theatre, which has inspired me ever since."

She was trained to become a painter by watching her husband in action at his studio. He is **William Ronald**, 65, the flamboyant, internationally renowned catalyst who founded Canada's Painters Eleven group of abstract artists in 1953. "Alana has the potential to become one of the great ones in art," he told me. "And I speak as an artist, not as a spouse who's nuts about her."

I look forward to catching the following shows with a Jewish connection . . . Jazzman **Moe Koffman** will be tootling his flute Oct. 15 to 20 at the Top O' The Senator, 249 Victoria St. (364-7517) . . . Vancouver-born Jewish director **David Savoy** will be staging the 1936 **Moss Hart** and **George S. Kaufman** Oscar-winning comedy, *You Can't Take It With You*, "full of heartburn and wry humor," running from Oct. 24 to Nov. 9 at the Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St. (364-4170). The cast includes **Jack Zimmerman, Rebecca Nile and Esther Hockin**.

I bow out with this exit line from the late artist **Pablo Picasso**:

"Painting is a blind man's profession: He paints not what he sees but what he feels — what he tells himself about what he once saw."

Wasserman delights with her life stories

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

When she plants herself on the stage, a short and powerful figure bursting with energy, Dora Wasserman is ready to show why she is the quintessential Yiddish performer in Canada.

Weaving stories of her own childhood into a tapestry with tales by Sholom Aleichem and J.L. Peretz, Wasserman delighted an audience at the Workmen's Circle Auditorium recently where she gave two performances.

One of the appeals of this fine actress who has headed the Yiddish Theatre Company for 36 years is her artistic independence and on this score she did not disappoint. She mentioned that she has outlasted four directors at the Sadye Bronfman Centre where her troupe is located and that she vows to maintain her theatre's integrity despite any decrees by the Centre's Board.

Her stories of life in the shtetl, of her time as an entertainer in Poland, of her arrival in Montreal with a husband who could not make a living, all entranced.

Her description of a visit to the offices of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society where she sought help, only to be rebuffed by an insensitive receptionist, was in the best tradition of an artist in conflict with society and reality.

Wasserman is an artist with more staying power than her audience and it was a mistake for her to let her act run on for nearly 75 minutes without a break.

The show was neatly rounded out by Yiddish folk singer Adrienne Cooper of New York making her first appearance in Toronto. She is a performer who can make the transition from the hoarse, sultry voice of a ballad singer to the high-pitched chant of a cantor. As a result her program had lots of verve and variety.

One of the best numbers was *Nachman* by a Soviet Yiddish poet, the story of a man who is sent off to buy a team of oxen but spends the money instead on musicians to play and sing for him. The oxen traders beat him up when they find his purse empty, but he is comforted by the memory of the songs he heard.

In *Di mashke* the singer tells how the convival atmosphere helped along by liquor resulted in the wedding of her parents, and of her own conception. When she is buried, she says, she wants a barrel of mashke in her grave and a tall glass in her right hand.

Lennick play a must read

TORONTO —

Toronto actress Sylvia Lennick is star of a prize-winning Jewish play that will be given a concert reading Oct. 15 in the fourth floor conference room of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

The New Montana by Montreal-born Lucille Hauser is winner of this year's national playwriting competition sponsored by the Jewish Theatre Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

It tells of the unlikely encounter between Minna, an eccentric self-styled literary agent still haunted by her experiences in the Warsaw Ghetto, and Donna, a teen-age runaway from Staten Island who dreams of being a disco star.

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Artists Shwartz, Partouche offer different techniques

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

The contrast between the works of Israeli artists Avi Shwartz and Dan Partouche, at Galerie Beaux Arts until Oct. 19, could hardly be more marked.

Bucharest-born Shwartz, who immigrated to Israel in 1948 when he was 10, is concerned with the people of Israel, their streets and waterfronts. Most of his paintings centre on groups or individuals at work, at play, relaxing, chattering — but even when there are no figures, when the streets are empty and the seaside quiet, there is a feeling that at any moment, people will emerge from homes or come down to work the ships.

Shwartz paints from life, in neighborhoods, markets, along the shore, frequently recording the old places which he fears may soon disappear. It is a kind of mission, to keep these scenes for posterity.

He uses oil on board in strong, economical strokes. His colors bask in the clear light of the Middle East and he reveals, not the tourist's Israel, but the real pursuits and personalities. A couple of men hunch over a board absorbed in a game of shesh besh (backgammon); Arab women feed a chicken; a rugged fishing boat bobs in the harbor.

He is a sharp observer, commenting with brush and wry humor, on everyday foibles, stripping the idler, the gossip, the big-bellied man eyeing a bottle perched temptingly on a small table.

Arrived in Israel in 1954

Shwartz's Israel is a brimful of human experience.

Dan Partouche, son of an Algerian goldsmith, came to Israel in 1954 at the age of 18 and joined Kibbutz Chanita in the Western Galilee. At 30, on a scholarship from the Israeli Ministry of Culture, he studied at the School of St. Martin in London.

For a number of years, Partouche painted avant garde abstracts, but recently, perhaps because of his kibbutz background, he has turned to florals as well as still life with fruit — pastels on paper and serigraphs.

If Shwartz is a people person, there is a perception that Partouche prefers nature and solitude. He lives in a small "green" town outside Tel Aviv, where he often draws flowers from his own garden. Masterfully blending and subduing his pastels — a challenging medium — he creates delicate, almost transparent blooms which appear to float in fields, above vases, against the sky. So adept is he that the numerous tones are melded with the finesse of watercolor. It comes as no surprise that he has a wide following in Japan and other parts of the Orient.

Partouche "paints" misty flowers at dawn, glowing flowers at sunset and everything in between. He obviously knows and loves cyclamen, poppies, wild flowers, and without taming them, brings their freshness inside. His fruits and still life are less formed, more detached, but with the same attention to color.

The exhibition by Shwartz and Partouche brings to the Toronto area a pair of Israeli artists who differ vastly in theme, mood, technique and materials. In introducing the display, Israel consul for tourism in Canada, Yehuda Shen, noted that there is a tremendous surge in both the visual and performing arts in Israel and he urged viewers to travel there and see for themselves what is happening.

Israeli artist Avi Shwartz captures Israel's real pursuits and personalities.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Antonietta, by John Hersey (Random House of Canada, $27.50).

In the city of Cremona in 1699, Antonio Stradivari, the master violin maker, conceives and crafts his masterpiece. He names this magnificent instrument Antonietta, after a seductive young widow with whom he falls in love and eventually marries and who was the inspiration for the violin.

In some strange and mysterious way, the violin absorbs the passion and deepest feelings of its creator. It sings "a dance of desire" to all who hear it.

Over the next 300 years the violin passes through the hands of a number of famous musical personalities.

Young Mozart, emotionally immature at 22, arrives in Paris to make his way as a musician. In addition to penning audacious love notes to various young women, he borrows Antonietta from a friendly concertmaster and composes his E-minor violin and clavier sonata. Inspired by Aloysia Weber, the true love of his life, the composition sounds like an erotic musical conversation between the two instruments.

At the death of the concertmaster, the violin falls into the hands of pirates. Recovered and purchased by a brilliant violinist named Baillot, it now infects an impassioned Berlioz in his writing of the *Symphonie Fantastique*.

The indestructible violin in its next incarnation stirs the emotions of Stravinsky, an exile in Switzerland, soon after the Russian Revolution. Working on *The Soldier's Tale*, the amoral composer is not above pursuing his best friend's wife or taking advantage of the musician who now owns Antonietta.

The novel's final section describes the plight of the bewitched violin, purchased at an auction by a tone-deaf, dishonest financier in an effort to impress his retinue of shoddy friends.

Antonietta is entertaining, pleasingly erotic, filled with lore about violin making and the bliss and frustration of musical creativity. It is also an astute examination of values that remain — such as love, art and creativity and those that fade and are transitory.

Now in his late 70s, the talented and versatile John Hersey has written a book, both original and satisfying.

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The Oxford Dictionary of Modern Quotations, edited by Tony Augarde (Oxford University Press, $39.95).

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Orot Hashchuna musical group to perform across Canada

TORONTO —

The Israeli musical group Orot Hashchuna, comprised of 10 young singers and dancers from Project Renewal neighborhoods across Israel, will be touring Canada this fall.

During their 17-day visit to Canada (Oct. 7-24), they will perform in nine cities, taking part in local Jewish community campaigns and cultural events.

The group, which has already toured Canada and the world several times, has prepared a new program entitled *Katya Comes Home*, which revolves around the dramatic changes occurring in Israel, as the country faces the challenge of absorbing the hundreds of thousands of new olim from the Soviet Union who have arrived in Israel since the spring of 1990.

The star of *Katya Comes Home* is Katya Koslovskay, a Soviet immigrant herself, who recently made aliyah to Israel at the age of 20. In a humorous and upbeat fashion, Katya portrays the difficulties that a new immigrant from the Soviet Union faces upon her arrival in Israel and the show is interspersed with a variety of musical numbers in English, Yiddish and Hebrew.

In addition to Katya, there are nine other talented performers, ages 17 - 23, who appear in the program. All of the members of Orot Hashchuna come from the various project renewal neighborhoods spread throughout Israel, and the group has had more than 50 members pass through its ranks since its formation in 1985.

Their participation in Orot Haschuna is a reflection and direct result of the tremendous success of Project Renewal, a program that has transformed over 100 depressed and disadvantaged neighborhoods in Israel by twinning them with Jewish communities around the world.

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Arts

Enviroment takes lead in Holy Blossom play

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A play urging greater care of the earth's resources and equal power for women had its world premiere at Holy Blossom Temple recently to an overflow audience of 500.

These laudable goals are devalued by a script which uses a simplistic approach to questions which have troubled us since time immemorial. Though its intentions are good, the Teva Theatre Troupe of Philadelphia in its production of *Guarding the Garden* has a lot of work to do to bring it up to the standard of a first class drama.

Rabbi David Azen, 33, who was an assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom from 1986 to 1989 and left to take theatrical training, plays Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Eve is played by his wife, Margot Stein Azen, a student at Philadelphia's Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, who wrote the music and lyrics.

The other woman in the *Garden*, Lilith, is performed by Michelle Osherow of Philadelphia. The play was written and directed by David Schechter.

The production hits on more cylinders when it adopts an irreverent approach, for example when Adam suggests, "You can have intimacy without conflict," and give replies, stingingly, "What talk show did you hear that on?"

Certainly the audience appreciated the lighter touches, as when Eve said that in the world today there are too many clocks and not enough time.

In a discussion period which followed, Gary Posen, deputy minister of the environment for Ontario and a member of the Holy Blossom board of trustees, said the environment crisis requires changes in our behavior.

He quoted with approval a statement by Canadian Maurice Strong, a leading environmentalist: "We have 20 years to change, otherwise events will be irreversible."

Rabbi Dow Marmur said the Teva Theatre play was an interesting way for a Reform congregation to celebrate Sukkot.

On behalf of the Sisterhood which sponsored the production in Toronto, president Sheila Smolkin thanked committee members Gail Goodman, Phyllis Benjamin and Susie Lyons.

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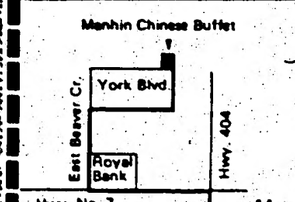

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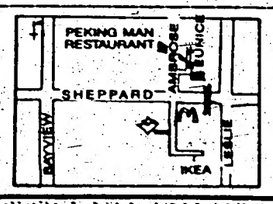

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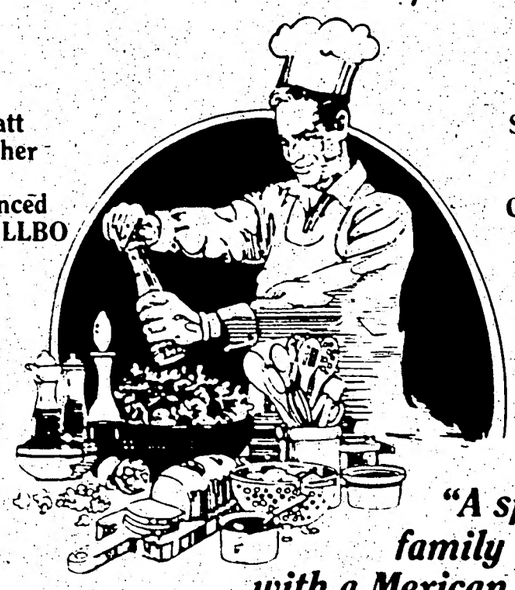

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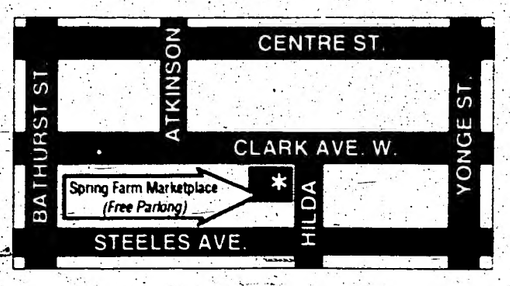

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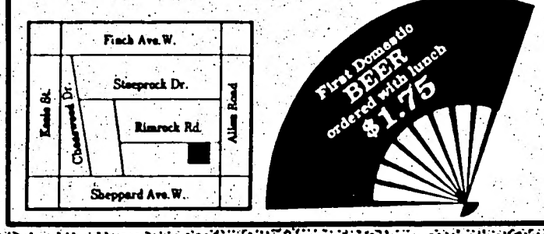

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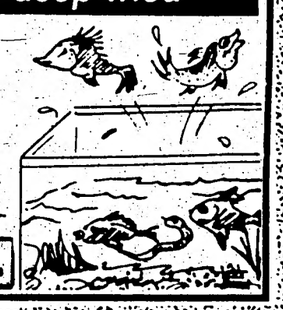

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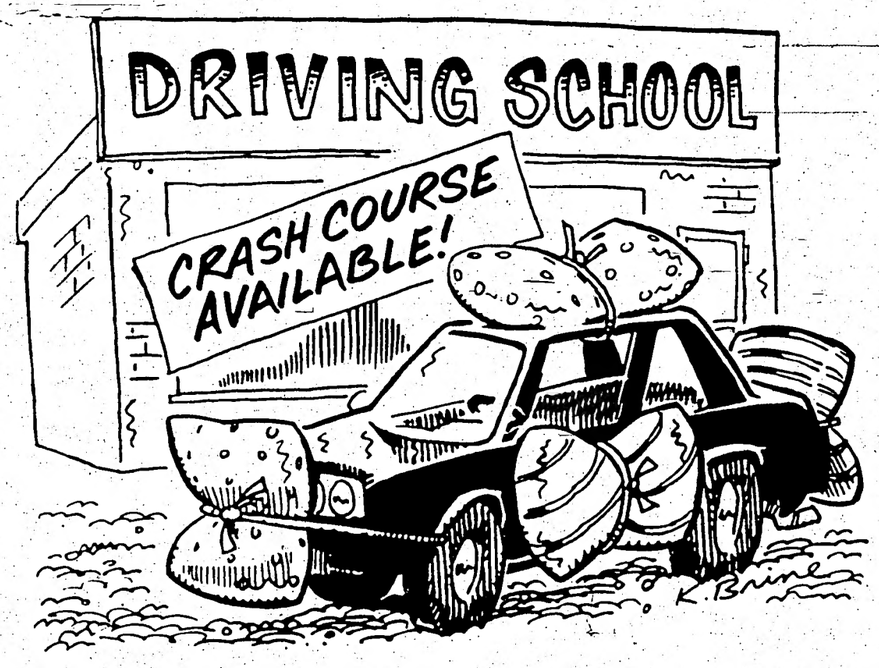

Driving schools teach skills needed for road survival

The high speeds and traffic volume on today's roads have made driving such a complex skill that many learners now turn to professional instructors for help. But driving schools can be started by anyone with a business licence, so some are better than others. It can be hard for consumers to make the right choice.

"There are probably more than 400 driving schools now operating in Ontario," says Marilyn Gurevsky, of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. "The content and quality of classroom instruction can vary greatly from one school to another."

The everyday rules of shopping smart apply to choosing a driving school too. Asking friends and family to recommend programs is a good first step. After that, a few phone calls to several schools will provide information that can help avoid problems later.

Here are some questions that should be asked.

• **What subjects are covered?** Most new-driver courses include the basics needed to pass the provincial road test. Signs and signals, proper turns, passing and intersection etiquette will be discussed. Some courses offer extra material on defensive driving, risk perception and city or highway driving as part of the regular program.

• **Will taking a course reduce the student's auto-insurance rate?** The Ontario Safety League (OSL) had developed guidelines for the content of driver-training programs for its affiliated members and maintains contacts with the insurance industry. Students who successfully complete courses at OSL-approved schools normally buy their first auto insurance at the rate of a person who has driven accident-free for three years.

• **How much time is spent in the classroom and on the road?** Both the Ontario Safety League and the Ministry of Transportation's "Road Worthy" program, which is used in high-school driver-education classes in Ontario, say training programs should offer a minimum of 25 hours in the classroom and 10 behind the wheel. The OSL standard doesn't say how much time should be spent watching other students drive, but Road Worthy recommends 20 hours.

Training facilities provided

• **What training facilities and equipment are provided?** Driving-school facilities can consist of anything from a hole-in-the-wall office with a couple of chairs and a telephone to an elaborate set-up of video equipment, vehicle simulators and off-road practice areas. Schools that emphasize defensive driving and crisis control may use high-tech help to teach the student what to do if a tire blows or a child runs in front of the car.

• **Does the program include use of the training vehicle during the government road test?** Use of the vehicle and the instructor's time to wait for students taking the provincial road test at the end of the program often involve an extra fee. Some schools don't offer help the day of the test.

• **What kind of car is best for learning?** Most experts agree it's best for student drivers to learn on a vehicle similar in size and operation to what they'll be driving when they're on their own. Clearly, someone who learns on a sub-compact may have trouble handling a pick-up truck.

Students often say they want to learn on cars with standard transmissions. But many driving schools recommend they wait until they have access to a standard vehicle for practice — then come back and take one or two special lessons.

In some municipalities, training vehicles must have special signs and dual brake pedals, so the instructor can stop the car from the passenger's seat. These regulations are put in place at the discretion of the local government.

• **What qualifications must driving instructors have?** In-car instructors must carry a valid driving-instructor's licence issued by the Ministry of Transportation. A mandatory driving-instructor's course is set by the ministry and the programs are delivered by the Ontario Safety League and various community colleges.

• **Who is the course intended for?** Some classes are made up entirely of high-school students while others are geared to adults.

Many schools stress the fact that driving instruction is something that shouldn't be forgotten once a licence is issued. Some schools offer refresher and advanced courses that help people learn to drive under conditions they aren't accustomed to — such as icy highways, two-lane rural roads with soft shoulders, or city traffic.

To find out more about driver education, contact the Ontario Safety League, at (416) 620-1720.

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If the accident involves an inanimate object or an un-occupied vehicle where the owner can not be reached at the scene of the accident, contact the nearest police station as soon as possible to notify them of the accident and to provide them with the aforementioned information.

The first driver to arrive at the scene of the accident must:

• park his/her vehicle on the side of the road approximately 30 metres behind the scene of the accident;

• alert on-coming drivers either with a flare or with the use of the car's emergency lights;

• ask two people to go a reasonable distance away or to the best possible location from which to alert on-coming traffic from both directions of the accident;

• turn off the ignition in the cars involved and warn people not to smoke because of the danger of explosion;

• check to see if anyone is injured and if qualified provide them with first-aid assistance. If not qualified, avoid handling the victims;

• avoid moving an injured person, unless there is a real danger of fire or of collision with another vehicle; and

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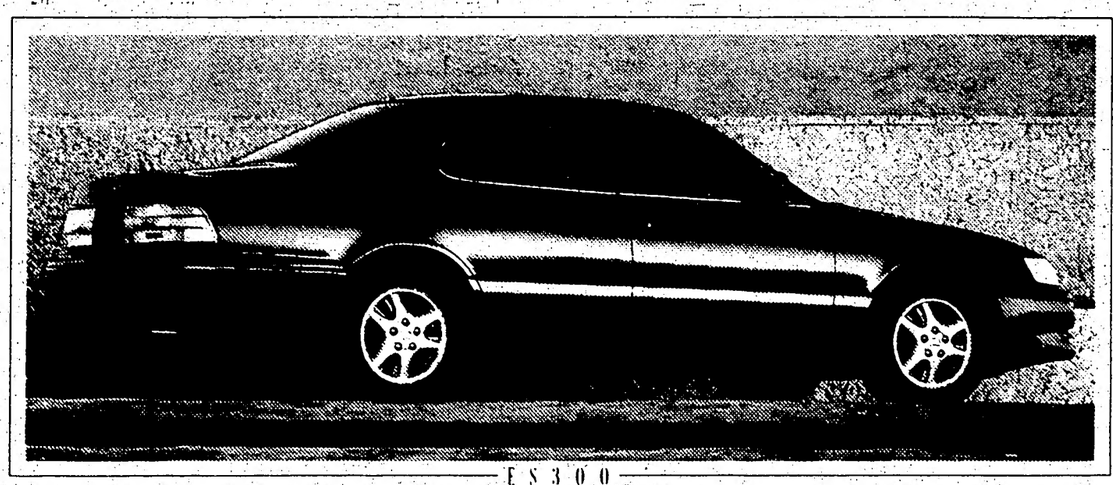

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Project joins Israel and China

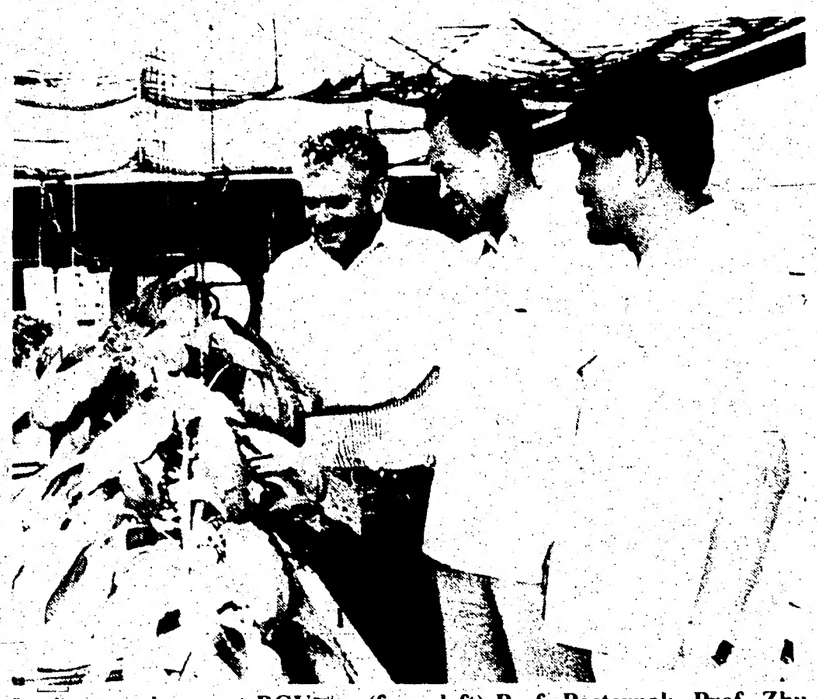
BEERSHEVA —

Two prominent experts in desert research from China visited Ben-Gurion University's Institutes for Applied Research (IAR) here recently.

Prof. Zhu Zhenda, the director of the Institute of Desert Research of the Academia Sinica (IDRAS) in Lanzhou, which has research stations throughout the arid and semi-arid regions of China, and Prof. Chen Hesheng, director of the Shapotu Research Station, discussed possible co-operation under the Memorandum of Understanding recently signed between the IAR and IDRAS.

China's arid areas account for some 16 per cent of that country, while the Negev desert, Israel's largest land reserve, covers 60 per cent of Israel. The deserts of China and Israel, while differing in climate, are very similar in other ways: they are characterized by nutrient-poor soil and by an abundance of saline water resources.

The Chinese scientists were particularly interested in learning about the saline-water drip irrigation techniques, and methods of utilizing solar energy for greenhouse cultivation developed over the past few years by BGU researchers.



In the greenhouse at BGU are (from left) Prof. Pasternak, Prof. Zhu Zhen Da and Prof. Chen He Sheng.

Their host, Prof. Dov Pasternak, head of the IAR's Institute for Agriculture and Applied Biology, an international expert in saline-water irrigation, heads a team which has achieved outstanding success in growing salt-tolerant melons, tomatoes and other crops in Israel's arid south.

Two young Chinese scientists from IDRAS are scheduled to arrive in Beersheva shortly, to spend a year at the Institute, learning agromanagement techniques applicable to their home country.

Pasternak recently spent a month at the Shandong Cotton Research Centre of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science in Jinan. He was advising the SCRC on a new R & D program, aimed at reclaiming 600,000 hectares of highly saline wastelands in the delta of the Yellow River.

Pasternak explains that a vast sea was gradually covered by soil deposits from the Yellow River, creating the wastelands, so that the high water-table in the region consists eseentially of concentrated seawater.

He proposed that this water be pumped up in order to lower the water-table and allow fresh river water to replace it. The saline water will then be evaporated in small-scale village salt ponds.

This solution, he believes, will both reduce the salinity level, enabling crop cultivation, and provide the farmers with an additional source of income — salt production.

Pasternak's mission to China was funded by the UN Food and Agriculture organization.

United by the objective proclaimed decades ago by David Ben-Gurion, of transforming the Negev into a vital and dynamic centre of settlement and a congenial environment for its expanding population, the staff of the Applied Research Institute work in close co-operation with local industry and with agricultural settlements in the Negev to find solutions for a wide range of problems.

Located in Beersheva, the capital of the Negev, the Applied Research Institute operates within and on behalf of its environment, playing a vital role in the University's contribution to the development of the region.

The Institute came into being (within the University's Research and Development Authority) in 1973, when its predecessor, the Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research, founded in 1957, became affiliated with the University.

As the Negev's impact on the Israeli economy has steadily increased, the Institute's focus has shifted to the development of applied products and to process-oriented research utilizing, insofar as possible, local raw materials, resources and facilities.

The weight of trailer hitches can cause automobile damage

Vacation or moving time prompt a lot of people into hitching a trailer or a camper.

Unfortunately, and in many cases, pulling such weight can cause serious damage to certain mechanical elements of your automobile.

The growing popularity of compact and sub-compact car models has greatly reduced the number of vehicles suitable for pulling heavy loads.

As a matter of fact, a good number of manufacturers do not recommend it, and will even cancel their warranty on certain car models if they have reason to believe they were used to haul a trailer. It is the car owner's responsibility to consult the owner's manual before hitching a trailer to his automobile. Moreover, it is just as important for him to be aware of the maximum loading capability of the car before loading it up.

In an effort to avoid costly moving expenses, a lot of automobile owners turn to specialized trailer centres who also offer a temporary hitch that can be attached to car bumpers. Incidentally, this temporary hitch may damage the finish on your bumper as well as the shock absorbers. There is also a risk that the hitch may come off which can prove dangerous even if care has been taken in fixing a safety chain. Installing a permanent hitch, one that is fixed to the automobile's frame, is much more sensible.

Towing a load demands a lot from your car. Understandably, the motor, cooling system, tires and suspension must be in good order. A suspension that is not up to par or directional instability due to the extra load of the trailer could make driving dangerous. Stopping a heavier load will put more strain on your brakes so they too must be reliable.

Therefore, all facts considered, it might not be worth trying to cut moving or travelling expenses, unless your car has been designed to pull a heavy load, and is in good condition to do so.

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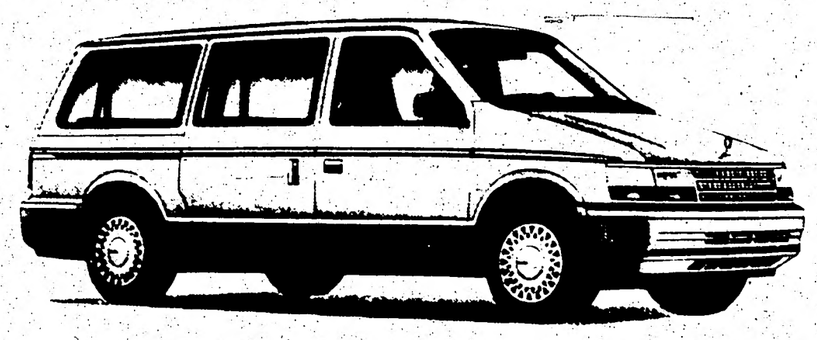

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Cliff Horwitz is the president and CEO of both Jumbo Video and A&A Music and Entertainment.

Horwitz leads Jumbo to the top

By
JOSEPH SERGE

When Cliff Horwitz joined Jumbo Video as chief executive officer in January 1990, the franchise was losing its focus, was caught up in a frenzied expansion and beginning to stagnate.

Today, under Horwitz's tutelage, Jumbo Video is the largest video rental chain in Canada with twice the market share of any competitor. Company-wide revenues grew from $35 million in 1989 to $50 million in 1990. By the end of this fiscal year Jumbo will have over 90 stores and Horwitz hopes for 250 by 1995.

In April 1991 Jumbo Video merged with A&A Music and Entertainment and Horwitz became president and CEO of both companies. A&A, which despite having more stores than any other record chain, doesn't have the equivalent share of the market. Horwitz is hoping his magic touch with Jumbo will rub off on A&A.

Horwitz, 42, says Jumbo is successful because it caters to its customers' demands.

"We are a service motivated industry," he says from his A&A office where he spends half his time. "And service is whatever the customer expects it to be.

"Our copy of the movie *Dances With Wolves* is the same as that of any other store. We set ourselves apart from the others by our service. Jumbo Video has been successful because we have been so proactive. We talk to our customers and find out what it is they want."

Horwitz immigrated to Canada from South Africa just over four years ago determined to develop franchises in North America. In South Africa he developed an ice cream franchise and hoped to launch the same here. It wasn't to be. Loh's Ice Cream was a fiasco and he closed the business in two months.

Although he's worked in different industries (apparel, ice cream and a nursing home) before Jumbo Video, he says there is no difference from one to the other.

"I believe business is business," he said. "It doesn't matter what you specialize in, the basic fundamentals of business still apply."

Horwitz left South Africa to provide his two teenage children with a future. "The life in South Africa as we knew it was fast coming to an end," he said. "I didn't see a rosy future for my children.

"I fell in love with Toronto within 48 hours. It represents the absolute antithesis of South Africa. Toronto provides an atmosphere of peace of mind and security."

'Unshaken sense of reality'

Horwitz hasn't noticed a major difference between operating a business in the two countries apart from Canada's faster pace which he says he enjoys. "The faster pace appeals to my sense of an optimal level of achievement far more than South Africa. The bigness of Canada appeals to me. I feel very comfortable with it."

Horwitz attributes his success as a business man to determination, hard work and an unshaken sense of reality.

"I don't allow myself to be taken in by flights of fancy. I'm a pragmatist and a realist. I don't lose sight of the business."

What Horwitz enjoys about his job is the lack of routine. "I enjoy the multiplicity of responsibilities and areas of concern.

"One of the things I'm grateful for about my South African training is that South Africa has a very small economic-reactive population. In order to succeed you have to be a jack-of-all-trades and have a lesser degree of specialization."

Horwitz spends up to 60 percent of his workday on the telephone. The rest of his time is spent in meetings, reading reports, visiting his stores and talking to their staff.

Horwitz is optimistic of Jumbo Video's future in the face of technological competition like laser discs and pay-per-view TV.

"The rental of laser discs hasn't taken off," he said. "And pay-per-view will have a minimal impact. Pay-per-view is intended to be a vehicle for live events, especially sports." Pay-per-view movies, like First Choice, are programmed by somebody else. "With videos you can see what you want to see, when you want to and how often you want to."

Since taking over A&A, Horwitz has been trying to turn the company's 161 stores around. "The foundations are clearly there for a very successful business," he said. "I want to reposition the entire company to retain its market dominance which it started to lose.

"There is a desperate need to upgrade it into the '90s from something bogged down in the '60s and '70s."

Some of the these changes will include automation and better communication flow between the stores and head office.

As for taking on yet other businesses, Horwitz said it's a question of timing.

"There's no point taking on more businesses just for the sake of having more assets. I look for the right opportunities and ones that make sense," he said.

For now he is content with what he has. "I'm happy doing what it is I'm doing. I've never been happier."

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Professional goals met by chartered accountant

By
JOSEPH SERGE

At 54, Peter Held has gone as far in his profession as anyone possibly can.

At the end of this year the managing partner of Dunwoody and Company, a national chartered accountancy firm, will see his term as chairman of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) come to an end.

In his 30 years in Canada, the South African native has held every major position in CICA. His curriculum vitae is an impressive professional shopping list: chairman, vice-chairman, vice-president, etc.

He's also held top positions with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario including president, chairman of the planning committee, chairman of the regulatory legislation, chairman of the editorial advisory board, and the list goes on.

"I like involvment," he said. "You've got to give back to society what you get out of it. I enjoy people very much. My peers have been very good to me. They have taken me on as an immigrant and as a proud Jew."

Oddly enough accounting wasn't what he originally wanted to do. "In South Africa I had always thought of practising law but [because of the different legal practices there] I couldn't use that in many countries. Because I wanted to leave South Africa I chose accounting because this profession has the most portability."

Believes in Canadian unity

After passing the South African Public Accountants and Auditors Board Examination in 1960 at age 22, he came to Canada with the intention of moving on to Australia. But finding himself short of money he decided to take a job. Dunwoody and Comapany hired him right away and he hasn't looked back since.

"I fell in love with Canada and never lived my childhood dreams," he says, somewhat ironically.

His position sees him travelling worldwide on speaking engagements. His speeches aren't only of relevance to accounting; Held has strong views on interests relating to Canada, especially Canadian unity.

"Canada has to be united. We should be working to have a strong country. It takes a long time to build a country, but only a short time to destroy it."

Held feels Canada should be united, not just between Quebec and English Canada but between the Maritimes and the Western provinces.

"We should be focusing on our similarities not our differences. If we lean on the strength of all the constituents that make up this country, we can build the strongest country in the world."

Held said Canada is falling behind the rest of the world in job training. "We have to work out what the needs of the future will be and tell people what they're going to be so they can be trained in that direction."

Held defends his right to speak on issues other than those in the normal realm of accounting. "Accountants have to show leadership. The days when all we do is talk about just debits and credits are over. It's time we shared our opinion."

Whenever he has leisure time, Held loves to read books and play sports. He is a big Blue Jays fan and believes the Blue Jays will win the World Series. "If the Jays get past Minnesota they'll have the momentum."

He attributes his success to his "happy disposition."

"I always enjoyed what I did and that makes me feel fortunate. I feel very comfortable in groups and meeting people."

Held stresses proper communication skills, even menial ones. "I always return my phone calls immediately," he says.

His personal characteristics rub off on his company. "We make sure every client of ours sees a partner every year and that the work gets all the attention it needs."

Dunwoody and Company deals mostly with smaller businesses, doing every aspect of accounting including financial planning, financial assistance, mergers and acquisitions, etc.

"We even do T1s," he says. "Nothing is too small for us.

"I'll be happy to work for Dunwoody as long as they want me," Held says confidently.

Held says he hasn't made many plans for the future. He would like to continue doing charity and community work especially once his term with CICA ends. He has sat on various committees of the Ontario Club, Royal Canadian Military Institute, the United Way and was a member of the board of directors of Temple Emanu-El.

"I've never gone from one day to another with any ambitions but good things have just happened to me."

Held likes to spend as much time with his family — his wife Gyneth, a speech pathologist at Associated Hebrew Schools, and children Heather, 23, and Michael, 20.

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Peter E. Held, FCA

At the 89th annual general meeting of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA), Peter E. Held, FCA, assumed the position of CICA Chairman and CEO for 1991-92. Mr. Held is the Managing Partner of the Toronto Region of Dunwoody & Company and a past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

Mr. Held graduated from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1959, obtaining a certificate in The Theory of Accounting. In 1960, he wrote and passed the South African Public Accountants and Auditors Board Examination. Shortly thereafter, he spent a brief term in London, England, with Andrew W. Barr & Co., a firm of chartered accountants.

Mr. Held came to Canada in March 1961 and joined the firm of Dunwoody & Company. Just three years later in June 1964, he was appointed Partner. In 1981, Mr. Held was appointed Managing Partner of the Toronto Region of Dunwoody & Company.

Throughout his career, Mr. Held has been involved extensively in the Canadian and Ontario Institutes of Chartered Accountants. He was awarded Fellowship in the Ontario Institute in 1976 and Lifetime Membership in 1987. In addition, Mr. Held has served as a Board Member in various charitable and community organizations, including Chairmanships of the Canadian Paraplegic Association in 1984 and the United Way of Metropolitan Toronto in 1976. Most recently, he served on the York University Advisory Council, Financial Administrative Services, and on the Board of Directors at the Ontario Club, where he was President in 1988-89. Mr. Held has also served on the Board of Directors at Temple Emanu-El, and is presently a member at Temple Har Zion. He currently resides in Toronto with his wife Gyneth and their two children.

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

I don't have a lot of space this week, so I'm going to give you bits and pieces that you may or may not find interesting. Just remember, if you don't like what I write about, don't call me. I have a very fragile ego and you might do permanent damage. On the other hand, if you do like what you read, then please call and heap praise.

Or better yet, because I'm very busy and probably don't have the time to talk to you, just send a nice gift, but make sure you mark it to my attention. I wouldn't want this to get out, but I'm a little suspicious of some of the people around here and I wouldn't want my gift to go astray.

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For those of our readers who will soon be heading to **Florida** and are planning to visit the **Florida Keys** and **Key West,** there's a new, easy-to-remember phone toll free number you can call to get travel information.

By simply dialling **1-800-GO-TO-KEYS** (I thought all numbers had to have only seven digits) travelers can get general destination details as well as a comprehensive directory of accommodations.

Personally, except for **Key West,** I don't really care for the **Keys.** Maybe it's because I don't fish or snorkel or scuba dive or drive a pick-up and drink beer. Or maybe it's that I don't like being on a narrow strip of land surrounded by thousands of miles of ocean. Or maybe...Who cares, **Butcher Man,** you're probably thinking and you're right.

If you want to go, fine by me. But don't say I didn't...

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Seminar held

Dropped over to the **Novotel Hotel** one night last week. The **Dan Hotel** chain in **Israel** was having a seminar for travel agents along with the **Israel Government Tourist Office.**

All the gang were there. **Benny Olearchik** from the **Dan Hotel** office in **New York** was there to make the presentation and bring us up to date on what his hotels were doing. **Yehuda Shen,** director of the **IGTO** also took part in the presentation. The bottom line was that **Israel** tourism is booming, but there's always room for more and the facilities for tourists are ever on the improve.

It was nice to see **Delightful Debbie** back in **Canada** after almost a month spent in **France** frolicking with her husband. I don't know what happened over there, but **DD,** who handles public relations for the **IGTO,** looked like a changed woman.

The last time I saw her, just before she left, she was wearing her hair in a bun, blouse buttoned right to the top, a skirt that ended at mid-calf and sensible walking shoes.

The other night it was a designer suit with skirt that ended at mid-thigh, sleek pumps, hair cascading over her shoulders and a top that revealed a magnificent tan. **Vive la France!**

IDYLLIC SETTING

In a more tranquil time, the countryside of Yugoslavia is among the most idyllic in Europe. Here, the Bosnian town of Mostar, which features a number of mosques and an outdoor market, shows its Muslim influences from the time it was part of the Ottoman Empire. [Paul Lungen photo]

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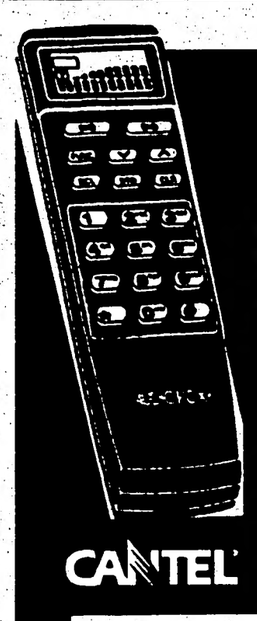
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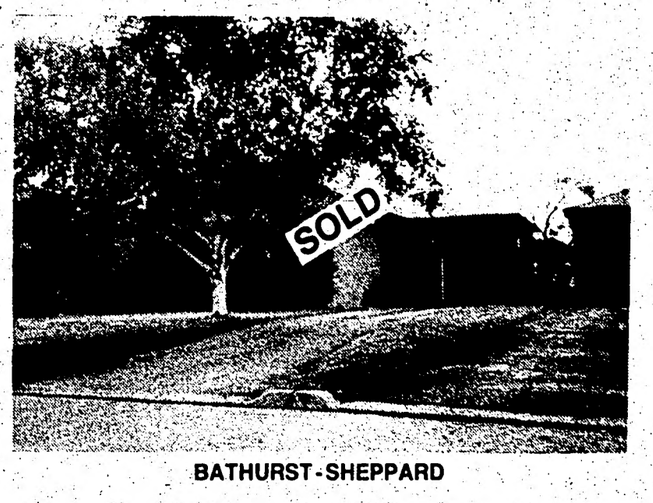

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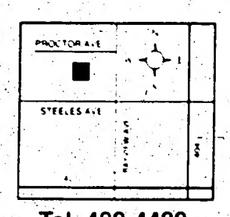

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Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Sarah Cohen** will take place on Sunday, October 13, 1991, 10:00am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Section 13 Warshawer Lodzer. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

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Jewish deportations to Theresienstadt to be marked by Czech PM, Herzog

By BILL GLADSTONE

Plaque unveiled

TORONTO — Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Havel and Israeli President Chaim Herzog are scheduled to participate in ceremonies this October marking the 50th anniversary of the start of mass deportations of Czech Jews by the Nazis to the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

All told, about 180,000 people passed through Theresienstadt, including more than 80,000 Jews from Bohemia and Moravia. It is estimated that as many as 1,500 Jews who passed through Theresienstadt may still be alive, including about 100 in Canada.

Three survivors of Theresienstadt in the Toronto area are Joe Seidner, Felix Kuerschner and John Freund, who have been helping to promote the upcoming memorial events.

Seidner, Kuerschner and Freund plan to be in Czechoslovakia with their families for the observances, which are scheduled for Prague and Theresienstadt between Oct. 16 and 19. Planned events include:

- The unveiling of a plaque in Prague commemorating the deaths of Czech Jews at the hands of the Nazis;
- A concert in the famous Smetana Hall, featuring the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra;
- The opening in Theresienstadt of a Museum to the Ghetto, located in the former boys' home;
- A walk to the "Bohusovicka Kotlina," a valley near Theresienstadt to which the entire population of Terezin was evacuated on November 17, 1943;
- The dedication of a Jewish cemetery in Theresienstadt;
- Numerous public lectures and discussions, and the performance of the children's opera "Brundibar."

Most, but not all, of the expenses associated with these events and the museum are being underwritten by the Czech government. Recently, Seidner, Kuerschner and Freund sent a letter to their fellow survivors and friends across Canada, requesting financial assistance for the museum and observance ceremonies. "Memories of those who perished must not be forgotten," the letter said.

According to Seidner, all that's needed is for each Theresienstadt survivor and friend in Canada to make a modest donation. "Our goal is $10,000," he said. "We'll make it if each of us contributes at least $100. Some may give more and some less."

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A SYMPOSIUM:

The Future of Quebec Jews

by Michael Crelinsten and Jack Jedwab

Over the past two years, the debate over the future of the Quebec Jewish community has re-emerged as a subject of considerable importance. By no means is this a new discussion as it has reappeared at times of heightened political uncertainty during which many members of the Jewish community have given thought to their future in Quebec. One need only look back to the election of the Parti Québécois in 1976 and the 1980 referendum to identify similar periods of intense reflection. With the failure of the Meech Lake Accord, and the strong possibility of yet another referendum on the issue of sovereignty some time in 1992, it is clear that many Jewish Quebecers are considering whether their future prospects are perhaps not greater outside of the province of Quebec.

Some observers contend that the departure of nearly 25,000 Jews from 1970 to 1990 is attributable to some combination of the rise of Quebec nationalism, the implementation of language legislation, ongoing political uncertainty, economic instability and fewer employment opportunities for non-francophones. There is a belief that if Quebec achieves either sovereignty or greater autonomy, the economic and political situation will further deteriorate. What might be referred to as the "comfort level" has continually fluctuated for certain residents of Quebec over the past two decades, but it is true that not everyone in Quebec is affected in the same way by the political situation.

Possible Further Decline in Jewish Population in Quebec

From a demographic standpoint, there is a real possibility that with or without sovereignty, the population of the Quebec Jewish community will continue to decline in the coming years. In the event of sovereignty and the consequent economic downturn that many observers are projecting, the drop may be greater than with the achievement of renewed federalism (the maintenance of the status quo being very unlikely). The community cannot count heavily upon new waves of immigration which have historically characterized its growth. Of those Jews who left Quebec largely for Toronto and the United States, most were between the ages of 25 to 40 years. This has resulted in and will continue to cause a shift of resources to support an aging population (a phenomenon being experienced throughout Quebec).

High Quality of Jewish Life in Montreal

All this notwithstanding, the Quebec Jewish community will remain an important one in the North American context. It has a special historical and cultural significance. In spite of Quebec's political problems, the Montreal Jewish community offers perhaps the highest quality of Jewish life in North America. In his August 22, 1991 column in the *Canadian Jewish News*, Rabbi Gunther Plaut wrote that "...while Toronto has replaced Montreal as the Canadian-Jewish hub, it has not yet equalled the level of quality that distinguished the older city". The challenge of the Quebec Jewish community has and continues to be to maintain the high quality of Jewish life even within an uncertain political environment. This objective remains eminently attainable. Despite the lack of representation in government by individual members of the community, the Jewish community has managed to maintain a most complete network of institutions highlighted by one of the world's finest Jewish day school systems. In addition, the Quebec Jewish community possesses and is likely to continue to possess the highest per capita income of any community in Quebec.

Prior to the 1960's, the Quebec government assumed a limited role in the privately supported, confessionally based, Jewish community institutions. In this situation, the demographically important Jewish community developed a set of institutions which parallelled that of the Catholic and Protestant groups. The community developed its own bureaucracy. As the provincial government assumed significant fiscal responsibility for the sectors of education, health and social services, the Quebec Jewish community became relatively more dependent on the state for financial support of its institutions. This resulted in a new relationship with government wherein over the years, close contacts were developed between community and government leadership. For a variety of reasons, however, this was not accompanied by a significant penetration of Quebec Jews into the rapidly growing Quebec public service. While some might attribute this to discrimination, this is an oversimplification that ignores the multifaceted nature of the question. Strategies must be devised in the future to change this situation and ensure that the community members are more involved in the bureaucracy. Already, partnerships between the organized Jewish community and the Quebec government are being established in the area of immigrant integration and elsewhere.

Rising Importance of Ethnicity

The perception of the Quebec Jewish community by government and non-governmental organizations has evolved considerably since the Quiet Revolution of the 1960's. Belonging to a religious group has become less important than one's ethnicity and mother tongue. Before the 1970's, there were few demographically important ethnic groups in the province aside from the Jewish community. Alongside the Catholic and Protestant groups, the Jews were considered the third most important religious community. Aside from the recognition of the Jews as the most important non-Christian religious group, the French Canadian majority perceived its relationship with non-francophones largely in linguistic terms and considered almost all non-French Canadians as part of the English community. Of course, prior to the 1970's, non-Christians were unable to attend French language schools.

Over the past two decades, the traditional perception of the Jewish community as an anglophone community has changed with the increasing presence of Sephardim and the growing bilingualism of the community. While the Jewish community is a political, linguistic and cultural mosaic, it is widely perceived as a close knit cultural or confessional community. With the varied immigration since the 1970's, the Quebec government considers such cultural communities as a political constituency which is constantly increasing in importance. Officials now estimate that there are as many as 100 cultural communities in the province. From a political standpoint, these communities are loosely organized. As one of the most demographically important and organizationally sophisticated cultural communities in the province, Quebec Jews should play a vital leadership role by cooperating with other communities that comprise this growing political constituency. Such an approach will not dilute our pursuit of the enforcement of the human rights agenda. Such a combination of forces would create a greater political constituency thereby enhancing the pursuit of this objective. An excellent example of this cooperation is on the constitutional issue, where Canadian Jewish Congress has entered into a coalition with the Hellenic and the Italian Congresses, in which several issues of common concern have been identified and are being actively pursued.

French Majority Must Learn More About Jewish Concerns

It is clear that whatever constitutional scenario emerges, it will become increasingly vital for more members of the Jewish community to demystify the majority community. More French Canadians are developing an interest in the Quebec Jewish community as evidenced by the growing number of requests for sensitization programs by Quebec francophones. Over the past few years in particular, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, has devoted considerable effort to help the French majority to become more familiar with the Quebec Jewish community and to identify and advocate for the concerns of the Quebec Jewish community. It is vital that the majority learns more abut the preoccupations of members of our community and vice-versa.

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Congratulations

to two members of our Editorial Board for the recognition that they received in the 1991 National Jewish Book Awards competition. The awards are sponsored by the Jewish Book Council in New York City. At a ceremony in New York in June, Harold M. Waller, Chairman of the Editorial Board, received an Award for his book,
Maintaining Consensus: The Canadian Jewish Policy in the Postwar World,
which he co-authored with Daniel J. Elazar. Their book was judged the best book of the year in the category of Contemporary Jewish Life.
Planets, Potions and Parchments: Scientifica Hebraica from the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Eighteenth Century,
by Editorial Board member B. Barry Levy, was one of the three books nominated for an Award in the category of Visual Arts.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The Future of Quebec Jews: A Symposium, takes up the major portion of this issue. On both the personal and community level, this question represents what can without exaggeration be termed an agonizing dilemma for Montreal Jewry. Parents are torn between the desire to keep their families united and the desire to help their children decide where their own best interests lie — in Quebec or elsewhere. Montreal community leaders are devoting many hours to discussion and debate about how best to preserve the Jewish institutions of which Montreal Jews are so proud, despite the serious drop in the Jewish population in the city.

We present five articles on this subject which represent the thinking of well-informed persons from different sectors of the Montreal community. They are Maxine Sigman, Michael Crelinsten and Jack Jedwab, Nancy Rosenfeld, André Elbaz and Julien Bauer. We hope to evoke reactions from our readers on this urgent and difficult question.

The insightful article by Eugene Kaellis, Canadian Jews and Regionalist Autonomy, while it does not deal directly with the future of Quebec Jews, does make two points which impinge on that question. The first is that the primary issues that need to be addressed in determining Quebec's future in Canada may not be the protection of Quebec culture, but the economic aspects of the distribution of power between the Federal government and the provinces. The second is that the technological advances that have resulted in instant communication all over the globe inevitably favour decentralization of powers and increasing regional autonomy. He regards such decentralization as the wave of the future in Canada, with obvious implications for increased Quebec autonomy.

Ida Ungar has sent us a charming reminiscence of the early trials she and her husband underwent in trying to establish a family in Canada, an experience that will undoubtedly remind many readers of similar hopes, dreams and tribulations their own families experienced as newly arrived immigrants to Canada.

A poem by Kenneth Sherman completes our issue.

CRELINSTEN, JEDWAB

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The Jewish-French dialogue can not center solely on issues around which we disagree, although we will continue to be tenacious in expressing our community's values and defending its interests. But, to confine the dialogue exclusively to the issue of, for example, Bill 178, unjust as this legislation is, has not and will likely not prove successful in resolving the language issue. Actually, in numerous sectors, Jews and French Canadians work closely together. This includes the business sector, the legal profession, medicine and academia. This unfortunately is not given sufficient attention by the media. Moreover, at the grass roots level of both communities, contact is insufficient and we are often unaware of each other's respective histories.

Nationalism is a phenomenon often cited by members of the Jewish community as a source of our concerns. Historically, the Jewish people have suffered horribly in the wake of some nationalist movements. We must be cautious, however, to understand the contemporary political debate in its own context and, while recognizing the potential danger of nationalist emotion, draw upon our own experience to evaluate the legitimacy of national identity.

The Quebec government had developed a policy on immigration and integration which attempts to reconcile competing visions concerning the balance between preserving French language and culture, while also promoting pluralism. This is being pursued through both easy access to French language instruction, as well as "rapprochement" programmes. In spite of certain Quebec officials who advocate unilingualism, the fact remains that aside from New Brunswick, Quebec remains by far the most bilingual province in Canada. While recognizing the importance of knowing the French language in Quebec, the Jewish community must strongly endorse bilingualism. Contact between francophones on the one hand and anglophones and allophones on the other hand, will go a long way towards reducing mutual ignorance. It is fundamental to *all* groups and cultures that they be able to describe and sustain their identity, language and culture — that makes them, and us, unique. But it is our choice as to whether that common social need will produce diverse disharmony or harmonious diversity.

We Remain in Control of Our Own Future in Quebec

Many of us have been and continue to be influenced by a spiral of pessimism which stresses all that is negative in Quebec. Communal achievements are often rendered irrelevant by these pessimists. But it remains uncertain that other major metropolitan areas provide a better overall standard of living than that offered to the Montreal Jewish community. Clearly, there are many Jews who appreciate the quality of social and religious life available in the province. While realistically evaluating the challenges with which we are faced, let us be wary of those who attempt to convince us that we cannot achieve anything or make any progress in Quebec. Such assessments belie the many accomplishments which have been and continue to be made by the Quebec Jewish community. We remain in many ways in control of our own fate and the future of the Quebec Jewish community is still very much in the hands of its constituents.

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LETTERS

In Elaine Kalman Naves's article, *Lost Children, Lost Childhoods*, (11 July, *Viewpoints*), her critique of my novel, *The Last Enemy*, makes an assumption, then leaps to a conclusion which does a disservice to a very special but sadly neglected area of the Holocaust: that involving Jewish children who survived by being disguised as gentiles.

They were forced to deny and reject their heritage if only because their safety depended on this disassociation. This was psychologically devastating, particularly for those who were found by relatives after the war and returned to a Jewish family environment. The adjustment was painful, of course, but also often unsuccessful.

Because so little attention has been given to these survivors, not much is known of their unique problems. What cannot be done is extrapolate from the experience of other child survivors to them. These children became in effect, gentiles, and sometimes, Jew haters.

In *The Last Enemy*, Lily, who is such a survivor, does not make the adjustment. Ms. Naves says this "comes across as contrived, perverse, and unrealistic." I concede this could be the result of a deficiency in writing, but certainly not in misinterpretation or misapprehension of the facts, which I carefully researched and faithfully presented.

Since *The Last Enemy* was published, I have been contacted by several such survivors who sought me out after having read the novel. These were people in their fifties who wanted to thank me for telling their story. They had still not been able to come to terms with their Jewishness, and they did me the honor of telling me that Lily's story helped them resolve some of their personal angst.

I suggest that Holocaust study groups and centres have a job of work to do in cases such as these because their outcome is very different from that of survivors of the death camps.

Finally, Ms. Naves accuses me of "trivializing" the Holocaust because Sarah considers herself and Catherine victims of the Holocaust, as well. Here, I'm afraid, Ms. Naves resorts to clichés and takes material out of context.

It seems to me that much of the world would be delighted to see the Holocaust as only a Jewish condition and problem. It is my contention that the Holocaust victimized many more than the Jews and is still doing so, if only by laying the basis for depreciating life in general.

I would hate to have the world forget that while the Nazi obsession to wipe out the Jews resulted in six million Jewish deaths and unspeakable horrors, it also resulted in a war which claimed at least fifty million lives. The world pays a price for its anti-semitism.

I reiterate with no apology, that the Holocaust's virulence ranged far and wide and affected many beyond the Jews, but that does not mean I equate the suffering of Jewish victims with any others.

Rhoda Kaellis
Burnaby, B.C.

Elaine Kalman Naves responds:

Though Ms Kaellis's intentions are highly honorable, she and I part company over our interpretations of the nature and role of fiction. In my opinion, there is only one truth in fiction: the integrity of a piece of writing on its own terms.

Novelists create worlds which, through the power of the writing alone and independent of case studies upon which they may have been based, must convince readers to suspend disbelief. Readers must be persuaded to enter into the author's imaginatively construed world.

In *The Last Enemy* as in any other novel, the imaginatively-conceived situation — not extrinsic statistics or historically-based arguments — must sway the reader. Ms. Kaellis presents a highly sympathetic family whose love, compassion and patience over many years failed to save their tragically scarred niece. As drawn by Ms. Kaellis, Lily's intransigence and suicide failed to convince me.

I stand by my review.

THE FUTURE OF QUEBEC JEWS

by Maxine Sigman

The future of Quebec Jews and most particularly the future of the Montreal Jewish community has been a hotly discussed topic and key agenda item during my tenure as president of Allied Jewish Community Services. We have been well aware that a combination of political and economic factors could impact dramatically on our community resulting in an acceleration of the loss of young adults. Our leadership has been grappling with ways and means of maintaining a demographically balanced community in Montreal. Why? Why do we want to retain people? What are our motives?

Is it that we Quebec Jews have such a keen sense of history that we cannot detach ourselves from our history? After all, the Jewish presence in Quebec goes back nearly two and one-half centuries to the first settlement of Jews in Ville Marie during the 1750's. The first Jew elected to public office in all the British Commonwealth — Ezekiel Hart — was chosen by the voters of Trois-Rivières in 1807. Or is it that we just want to keep our institutions running for the sake of having institutions? Our first secular social service agency, the Young Men's Benevolent Society came into being in 1863 and since that time our social service, religious, cultural, educational and group work institutions have flourished to a degree unsurpassed on the continent. Is it that we want to keep our synagogues filled? We have so many and so many of them are very beautiful. After all, the first synagogue established in Canada, the Spanish and Portuguese congregation was founded in 1759 in Montreal. Perhaps it is so that we can maintain a financial base to keep our institutions going so that we may be looked after when we are older? Or is it that we want to maintain ourselves as a large community because we are used to living with over 90,000 other Jews and anything less would disrupt our comfort level? Are the motives of leadership today a little bit self-serving or are our motives both rational and altruistic?

Why We Are Proud of Montreal

I believe that Montrealers feel very strongly that if we seek the best for our children, ourselves and for our parents, Montreal is the place to find it. Why do I have such a viewpoint? For many reasons — not the least of which is that I am convinced that the Montreal Jewish community is one of the finest in the world outside of Israel. A larger percentage of our population cares about the community, its institutions, and Israel and its institutions than is the case in most cities in the Diaspora. The evidence for this is our huge volunteer participation in a plethora of organizations and the fact that we Jewish Montrealers are the second highest per capita in campaign giving in North America. It is well known that we have the finest Jewish day school system outside of Israel. Our universities and health care facilities are second to none. Our continuum of services for our elderly is superb, born of our experience due to our having a higher percentage of elderly than almost any community in the world.

Here are some reasons why we are so high on Montreal. In what other city can you find a Jewish campus where within a few city blocks you can visit a Jewish Community Centre, a centre for the arts, a Jewish Public Library, a Golden Age Association, several housing projects and Jewish support services for the elderly, a Jewish General Hospital? Within a few months, there will be two chronic care facilities for the aged. These city blocks also are the sites of the centre Sépharade de Québec, of a Jewish Scientific Research Institute (The Lady Davis), an Institute for Family and Community Psychiatry, and a kosher bakery! Our federation building also houses a Jewish Education Council, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Jewish Vocational Services and our Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, which attracts hundreds of Jewish and non-Jewish visitors. Our annual Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign which involves hundreds of volunteers is headquartered at our federation building — Cummings House, the home of Allied Jewish Community Services.

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The Montreal Jewish Community has a centre, a core and most important, a heart. Not only is Israel central to our lives, but as well we have the capacity to feel Jewish, Québecois and Canadian all at the same time.

Over and above all that I have mentioned, there is a unique quality about our Montreal Jewish Community, and that is its sense of connectedness and stability. We are a much less mobile community than most others. As a result, having Friday night dinner with one's family or socialising regularly with familiar friends is particularly rewarding.

Is Remaining in Quebec Risky?

Are there risks in speaking so positively about our community to our children? Are there risks in remaining in Quebec? Clearly there could be economic risks and these can be short and/or long term. It goes without saying that if one cannot find work and support oneself, one must seek work elsewhere. It is essential that today's young adults speak and write French well enough to have full job opportunities here in Quebec. Many young people feel that capital follows opportunity and that the opportunities are right here. One cannot predict economic trends anywhere. Long term effects often depend on individual ingenuity; furthermore, as we saw in a city like Houston, these effects can be very cyclical.

What are the political risks? They are not predictable either but rather depend on the party in power and its particular agenda. The "French fact" is not new or anathema to us. However, there is a good deal of uneasiness when nationalist feelings predominate. On the other hand, those Quebecers who left in the mid-seventies because of a fear of nationalism missed almost 20 years of good living in Quebec that those who stayed continue to enjoy.

Many Reasons to Maintain a Viable Community

Given what I have described, are there good and sufficient reasons to attempt to maintian a demographically balanced community? Our leadership feels there are and has concluded that there are three means of achieving this. 1) Encourage people to have more babies; 2) strongly encourage immigration to Montreal; and 3) Consult with our young adult community to see if there were things we could do as an organized community to help them remain in Montreal and raise their families here with us.

Increasing the birth rate is not something over which we can have much control. Our increasingly growing orthodox community is already doing its utmost quite successfully to increase its numbers.

Where we attempted to take up the question of encouraging immigration we found that our officers and executive committee were so consumed with the burning issue of their own families, their own young adult children who are currently trying to decide where to make their lives that no one was prepared to talk about immigration until we would deal with our present young adult population and the possibility of maintaining it in Montreal. It quickly became apparent to us as leaders that we had to institute a series of broader community consultations. We needed to ask our community "stakeholders" and their offspring the following questions: 1) Given the present environment in Quebec, are we comfortable in encouraging young adults to remain and raise families here? If yes, 2) are there any types of programs or initiatives that we could undertake as an organized community that would help our young people remain here in Quebec?

I had felt that it was imperative to learn first what the present attitude was toward living in Montreal, because if among adults the comfort level about our future was low, there would be no way we could ask our young adult community how to stem the tide of those going west on the Transcanada Highway.

We initiated consultations early in June. They are ongoing now. The meetings already held with several interested families which also included key community leaders have resulted in a clear expression of comfort in encouraging young adults to remain in Montreal. People declared that our community is a superb place in which to live and that we could honestly express to our youngsters a positive attitude about their future in Quebec. It should be made clear that these consultations with adults and their families (50 at each meeting) were open-ended, lengthy, non-directive meetings facilitated by myself with the goal of engendering full expression of opinion.

Our young adult population has instituted a series of parlour meetings that will continue throughout the fall. They hope to learn what would influence their peers to stay and/or leave; what they value most about the Montreal Jewish Community; what types of initiatives might be undertaken to encourage them to remain here; where they see themselves living in five years; what they feel they would be giving up by leaving or gain by staying. They will also be questioning our young adults about their comfort level in sending their children to a primarily French school, whether they feel they have received sufficient education in the French language to adapt them to live and work in Quebec and if not, what might be done. They will be asked whether Jewish employers are active enough in helping young adults to find meaningful employment and finally, whether the opportunities of other major cities are too great for the Montreal Jewish Community to compete.

Recent Attitudinal Survey Made

A recent attitudinal study has given us some information about the thinking of Jewish Montrealers, some of it very different from that which was expressed through the group consultations. Perhaps this is because the survey was taken earlier, in the middle of the Belanger-Campeau and Allaire Reports published by our provincial government, both particular times of high political uncertainty for our population. It is difficult to say to what extent intentions expressed in the 1990 national attitudinal survey will translate into later actions. However, two conclusions can be drawn from the data that was gathered at that time — in 1990. 1) political trends related to increased autonomy for Quebec would translate into significant population losses, to the point where full Quebec independence would have very serious demographic consequences. 2) younger adults seemed particularly prone to leave regardless of the political circumstances. However the survey further showed that for over 65% of respondents it was much more important that they be economically productive, that is, the economic situation was the most important factor in influencing people to stay. The language policy is an annoyance to many, the poll showed, but does not appear to be a major Jewish concern. About 75% of Montreal Jews are either totally fluent in French or are able to converse at a high level. The majority of Montreal Jews when looking ahead for the next 4 or 5 years expressed optimism about their future.

If we look at our recent population history in Montreal (1981-1986) we see that the net change due to immigration was plus 12% due to births; minus 26%

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The Future of the Sephardic Community in Quebec

by André E. Elbaz

Starting in the 1950s, the immigration of about 25,000 Jews from the Moslem world has created sizable Sephardic groups in Montreal and Toronto. First came Iraqi Jews, who rapidly integrated in the English-speaking Jewish community (cf. my article on "The Sephardim in Canada, Myth and Reality," *Viewpoints*, May 1984). More recent immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa, most of them from Morocco (about 12,000 in Montreal and 4,000 in Toronto), have also adjusted well to their new life and constitute a welcome addition to the Jewish community: their youth and economic dynamism, their skills and the high education of their children, their colourful traditions, and not the least, the fact that most of them speak French, could contribute to strengthen the rather conservative, aging Ashkenazi community, especially in Montreal.

In Toronto, the Sephardic group is largely composed of Spanish-speaking Jews from Northern Morocco, generally more religiously oriented than their Montreal counterparts, who came mainly from Southern Morocco or from Casablanca, where they tended to be more secular. Few Jews immigrated from Meknes or Fez, the traditional bastions of Jewish learning. Sephardim have, by and large, integrated harmoniously into the Toronto Jewish community, without abandoning their Jewish heritage. They established a Sephardic school, *Or Haemet*, several congregations, the largest of which is Spanish-speaking — it significantly adopted the name of "Anshe Castilla" — an interesting library and publishing facilities for Sephardic educational materials and prayer books. What is most remarkable is that Toronto Sephardim have achieved these objectives with their own means, without outside help.

As individuals, Montreal Sephardim have been quite successful in business and the professions. They tend to congregate in affluent areas like Côte-Saint-Luc, while an important group is concentrated in Ville-Saint-Laurent. In the past ten years, following the Toronto example, five Sephardic congregations have built impressive facilities and two of them have hired a full-time rabbi. About 700 pupils are enrolled in École Maimonide, a French-Speaking day school founded in 1969 with the decisive help of the Quebec government. Many more Sephardic children go to Ashkenazi day schools. A great proportion of students go to English-speaking universities in Montreal or outside Quebec. In fact, more and more Sephardim are now totally bilingual and speak English at work, with their neighbours, and sometimes even at home with their children.

This picture of a successful immigrant community has unfortunately been obscured by serious structural problems artificially engineered by the small group of more or less permanent "leaders" of the *Communauté Sepharade du Québec*, or C.S.Q., who have managed to manipulate various Sephardic organizations for the past 25 years. As a result of the misguided C.S.Q. conception of Sephardism — empty slogans that substitute for their forgotten culture — even though most Moroccan immigrants found in Quebec the economic well-being and security that they were looking for, their smooth social and cultural insertion in the Montreal Jewish community has been delayed. The first generation of Moroccan immigrants in a way reconstructed in Montreal a kind of golden Moroccan Jewish ghetto, almost totally separate from the rest of the Jewish community.

Relations with Ashkenazim

The emergence of a highly educated second generation of Sephardic immigrants — most of them are University graduates — has led to the gradual estrangement of the C.S.Q. from the community it is supposed to serve, to such an extent that today a clear distinction has to be made constantly between the claims of the C.S.Q. and the reality of Sephardic life in Montreal. Two issues that could greatly influence the future of the Sephardim in Quebec illustrate this dichotomy: the ambiguous, and opportunistic, relationship of the C.S.Q. with Ashkenazim on one hand, and with Quebec nationalism on the other.

In the early 1970s, the C.S.Q. (then called Association Sepharade Francophone) ideologues decided to embark on a divisive crusade: they claimed that Montreal Ashkenazim, who had generously helped and subsidized Moroccan Jewish immigration to Canada, and all Sephardic activities in Montreal, held negative stereotyped views about them. One of the founders of the C.S.Q. explains that "North African Jews detest" the Ashkenazim because they speak English "with a strong accent of German origin, and they refuse to speak French". This pundit further accuses Ashkenazim of preferring for their children gentile spouses to Sephardic ones! (J.C. Lasry, in *Les Juifs du Maghreb*, 1989, 36,39). One C.S.Q president went so far as calling marriages between Sephardim and Ashkenazim "intermarriages"! (*Canadian Jewish News*, Dec. 13, 1984). For years the C.S.Q. sowed the seeds of hostility, using these crude stereotypes, and insisting heavily on the linguistic differences between the English-speaking Ashkenazi establishment and the French-speaking Sephardic immigrants (The C.S.Q. predecessor was significantly called *Association Sepharade Francophone*). One activist ominously threatened "the possibility of a big confrontation a few years from now" (*C.J.N.*, Jan. 9, 1986).

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One possible explanation for this hostility resides in the pseudo-leftism fashionable in Québecois circles in the 1960's, which influenced the thinking of several founders of the C.S.Q. This group depicted Ashkenazim as English-speaking exploiters of French-speaking Sephardic immigrants, in the same way that evil anglophone Canadians exploited francophone Québecois, and Ashkenazim exploit Sephardim in Israel. This explains the popularity of this posture in Quebec nationalist circles, and why some C.S.Q. leaders "felt more at ease with French-Canadians than with Ashkenazi Jews" (J.C. Lasry, at the *Canadian Jewish Congress*, in Toronto, May 8, 1986).

Incredibly, in 1984, the same C.S.Q. people who had finally succeeded in convincing the A.J.C.S. of the existence of this hostility, and therefore of the need to support financially entirely distinct Sephardic institutions — came up with a novel cynical scheme: Since there allegedly existed such a hatred between the two groups, they now convinced the too credulous A.J.C.S. of sponsoring a so-called Sephardi-Ashkenazi Relations Committee (SARC) in order to ease "the tensions" they had themselves artificially created! Ironically, the first director of SARC was one of the most vehement advocates of Sephardi-Ashkenazi antagonism!

In reality, despite some early unavoidable friction between Ashkenazi individuals and the newcomers, this hostility never existed. Sephardic students report no discrimination or antagonism among their Ashkenazi friends, and they feel at ease in their company. An early survey even indicates that more young Sephardim identify with the Ashkenazi community than with the Sephardic group (*La Voix Sepharade*, April 1982). They oppose all divisiveness among Jews (*La V.S.*, Dec. 1990). In daily life, thousands of Sephardi individuals and families today live with Ashkenazi neighbours and work with them. More Sephardi parents send their children to Ashkenazi day schools than to École Maimonide. Many even belong to Ashkenazi congregations, where they feel welcome. Marriages between Ashkenazim and Sephardim are commonplace.

Relations with Quebec

The linguistic policy of Quebec benefitted the C.S.Q. greatly. The École Maimonide and various activities were readily subsidized by Quebec authorities because Moroccan Sephardim spoke French. The C.S.Q. enjoyed cordial relations with Quebec politicians, a fact which certainly pressured the A.J.C.S. into subsidizing the whole operating budget of the C.S.Q. since 1976.

Gratitude perhaps led to a certain flirtation of the C.S.Q. with Quebec nationalism. P.Q. government ministers received "Sephardic Merit Medals!" (sic) Some C.S.Q. militants even campaigned in favour of the Parti Québecois. In 1990, the president of the C.S.Q. claimed that "Sephardim sympathize with the French fact" and he applauded an École Maimonide official who criticized anglophone Jews who oppose Quebec linguistic policy, because their opposition made Quebecers antisemitic. He therefore suggested that Sephardim should distance themselves from anglophone Ashkenazim (*La Presse*, Feb. 27, 1990). Anglophone Jewish politicians were urged to refrain from criticizing Quebec separatism for the same reason (*C.J.N.*, March 15, 1990). In other words, these C.S.Q. luminaries were advising Jewish citizens and duly elected politicians to stop exercising their legitimate rights in order to avoid a possible racist backlash! Not very flattering for Quebec democracy! The timing of this divisive and opportunistic outburst was most unfortunate: The C.S.Q. chose to side with the nationalist establishment just at the time when ugly antisemitic incidents were rocking the Montreal Jewish community, during the Peladeau affair and the racist campaign against Outremont Hassidim. The Quebec government and the nationalist intelligentsia so wildly praised by the C.S.Q. kept a disturbing silence, that eloquently disproved this smug opportunism.

Do Sephardim Support Quebec Nationalism?

Are Montreal Sephardim really in favour of Quebec nationalism because they speak French, as postulated by C.S.Q. supporters? Would they remain in a separate, independent Quebec? The answer depends on many complex factors, and essentially the paramaters of language, Jewish identity and economies.

Francophone Jews would no doubt feel more at ease in an exclusively French-speaking Quebec than English-speaking Ashkenazim. But contrary to the assertions contained in *La Presse*, Moroccan Jews do not consider their attachment to French as sacred. Its adoption is a very recent phenomenon. The mother language of the overwhelming majority of Moroccan Sephardim was Judeo-Arabic or Spanish, not French. Even in Montreal, many community seniors do not speak French at all. If their first priority had been immigration to a French-speaking country, they would have settled in France, as did 300,000 other North African Jews. In other words, the question of language would not constitute a deciding factor.

But even if many Sephardim are indeed attached to the French language and culture, most are opposed to the excesses of nationalism, which often lead to prejudice and xenophobia. The definition of the word "Québecois" by Quebec nationalists is a case in point: it is so narrow and demanding that all minorities, including francophone minorities, feel rejected. The Sephardim also realize that historically, antisemitism did not differentiate between Ashkenazim and Sephardim. In addition, the present cultural void in the Sephardic community would make an authentic Jewish life difficult in the eventuality of a massive

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by Nancy Rosenfeld

As a community planner, I am continuously preoccupied with the issue of the future of the Jewish community in Quebec. This preoccupation increases in times of political instability such as we are presently experiencing.

Unfortunately, I do not possess the powers of prediction. However, there are certain indicators which one can use to measure the present reality and help make some educated guesses as to the future.

Let me begin by stating that I believe that although there are certain circumstances which appear to be beyond our control, such as the political ones, I do feel that we have the ability to be agents of change and therefore should play an active role in ensuring the viability and vibrancy of the Montreal Jewish community on the eve of the 21st Century.

I will therefore discuss the topic of the future of the Jewish community in Quebec under the following indicators or headings: (1) Demographic Projections, (2) Youth Retention, (3) Immigration, (4) Quality of Jewish Life, (5) Political Activism, (6) Unified Community, (7) Collective Responsibility.

Demographic Projections

I do not plan to review the in-migration/out-migration and lower birth statistics of the Montreal Jewish community as these have been reviewed adequately by Jewish sociologists and demographers. Suffice it to say that the Jewish birthrate is below replacement level and mirrors that of Quebec society. Out-migration of Quebec Jewry has seen a population peak of 120,000 Jews in the middle 1970s reduced significantly to the present date. Pessimists would say that our present population is under 90,000. Optimists would say it is closer to 95,000. The results of the 1991 Census which will be due in 1992 will give an accurate figure.

I do think, however, that it is time to stop bemoaning the fact that our population has been significantly reduced. We need to begin to focus on who is living here now and how we can enhance the quality of life for present-day residents and make Montreal a more attractive place for future immigration. The quality of a city's Jewish life is not totally dependent on the number of people in the city. If we look south to the border, we will see that cities such as Detroit (96,000) and Cleveland (65,000) are held up as model Jewish communities, not those of New York and Los Angeles. More is not always better.

Youth retention

It is no secret that the largest loss over the past 15 years has been within the young adult population. This population is a transient one by all North American standards. The problem specific to Montreal, however, is that this age group is not being replaced as happens in other large city centres such as Toronto, Boston, Chicago, etc. Obviously, the community's challenge is two-fold. The first is to ensure that young people stay here, and the second is to attract young people from other places to come and live here.

With respect to keeping young people here, we have to ask ourselves whether we are doing everything possible to facilitate this, and the answer in my opinion is no. Starting with our education system, I do not feel that we are making children sufficiently bilingual, and thereby giving them the proper tools in order to enter the job market and be successful vocationally within this Province. We know that the major factor in keeping young adults in any city is their ability to secure jobs, and certainly, we must do everything possible to provide them with the necessary skills to be successful in this area.

As well, large Jewish firms have to become more aggressive in an affirmative action of hiring young Jewish university graduates. This cannot be something that can solely be the institutional responsibility of an agency or organization such as the Jewish employer in the City. As well, we might be considering more radical options such as small business loans or mortgage loans. Partnerships with the government and private housing corporations in these areas should not be ruled out. It is certainly within the Quebec government's interest to keep young educated people in the Province and this should be investigated further.

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An anomaly that is occurring is that we find ourselves with over 1,000 out of town Jewish students on campuses in Montreal. Many of these students are the children of former Montrealers who have decided to send them back to school in Montreal because it still remains a great City. This creates a definite challenge to the Montreal Jewish community's ability to reach out and help these students settle in Montreal upon graduation.

Immigration

The whole question of immigration requires a new look in relation to the future of the Jewish community in Quebec. Over the last few years, immigration, has been severely reduced because of linguistic and political instability. However, we have continued to receive immigrants from such countries as Israel, Morocco and more recently, the Soviet Union. The Montreal Jewish community must begin to ask itself in looking towards its future: "Is this something that we actively want to encourage and at what price?" Allied Jewish Community Services with Jewish Immigrant Aid Services is presently conducting a retrospective research to examine the immigrant experience over the past five years in order to determine what factors influence successful integration, what services are needed to ensure this, and what are the short-term costs vs. the long-term benefits.

Of course, the issue of Soviet Emigration is a highly politicized one with many people feeling that we should not be doing anything that would detract from Soviet Jewish aliyah to Israel. However, the Soviets are not the only possible future immigrants. Possibilities also exist for increased Jewish immigraiton from France and from South America.

With the Quebec government taking more control in the area of immigration, we have seen an openness on their part to promote greater Jewish immigration. Shouldn't we be encouraging this? I feel that this is essential in order to counterbalance the numbers of out-migrants and to keep the community strong for the future. However, numbers alone are not the answer if the proper follow-up is not carried out. Once again, this cannot be just an institutional responsibility. Members of the Montreal Jewish community must begin to take more individual responsibility, as their predecessors 50 years ago did, in welcoming people and following immigrant families on a one-to-one basis. Most studies have shown that it is this kind of person-to-person individualized help that makes for successful immigration. This should not be solely the responsibility of a worker in an immigration office, Jewish or otherwise.

Jewish Quality of Life

All indications from recent attitudinal and behavioural studies conducted across the United States and Canada indicate that Montreal comes out *number one* in terms of several variables of Jewish quality of life. These include a lower intermarriage rate: 13% versus 30% in the United States; a higher percentage of adults having received a Jewish education: 80% in Montreal versus 70% in the United States; higher contributions to the Annual Federation Campaign: 60% of Montreal Jewish households as opposed to 45% of Jewish American households; and a staggering 71% of Montreal Jews having visited Israel compared to 31% of Jewish Americans.

Similarly, high results exist when measuring synagogue membership, volunteerism, and observance of Jewish ritual. As important as the tangible measurements of Jewish quality of life in Montreal are the intangible ones: a sense of familiarity, community and "*menchlichkeit*".

This high level of Jewish quality of life is an important factor to be used in measuring the future of the Quebec Jewish community. We must begin to assign significant weight to this when promoting Montreal as one of the top cities in North America for Jewish life.

Political Activism — Involvement in Decisions

The Jewish community over the past several years has played a very low-key and almost passive role in Quebec political decision making both at the bureaucratic and elected level. Our philosophy has always been to lay low, not make waves, so that we will not offend any political party who may find itself in power in the near future. This is in direct contrast to the Jewish community south of the border and certain other cultural communities who are developing important pressure group lobbies within the Province right now, such as the Black or Native communities.

I feel strongly that it is time for the Jewish community to become more actively involved in the decision making process in this Province, for it is only this way that we can ensure the protection of Jewish rights. This is important at a time when the existence of our social and health care services is being put in question and possibly the future funding of our educational system. This means encouraging Jewish civil service as a profession among Jewish graduates and elected responsibility as an important role within the Jewish community. We should be providing training programs and support groups for all individuals who are willing to make a career of public office, and provide them with all the necessary encouragement.

The Quebec and Municipal governments have declared their openness to hiring members of cultural communities. What better opportunity is there to enter into the ranks of power, than right now when our participation is being actively solicited?

Unified Community

The Jewish community is a multicultural one made up of many ethnic groupings that include North Africans, mid-Easterners, Israelis, Eastern Europeans, West Europeans, Soviets, Americans, Canadians, South Americans — the list is endless.

There is no doubt, however, that when dealing with the non-Jewish world, we must speak in a unified voice. The guarantee of our future within this province depends on this. It is extremely dangerous to present ourselves as a fragmented community to the public, whether it be to the press, politicians, or civil servants. To present one part of the community as being the natural spokesman because fo its linguistic ability is fallacious. In fact, what we should be promoting is the fact that 75% of the total Jewish community in Montreal is functionally bilingual and of the 25% that is not, a significant number are seniors over the age of 65 whose mother tongue is neither English or French. We therefore are certain

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Quebec: The State and the Jews

by Julien Bauer

The future of Jews in Quebec will be largely determined by the role of the State. Central in the debate over the future of Canada and Quebec, the State will be either bicephalous (Federal-Provincial with whatever accomodations) or a uniquely Quebec one. In this paper, we assume that Quebec will remain part of Canada but will get increased power, in particular towards minorities.

The general North American shift of population moving westward has been encouraged in Quebec by the event of the last fifteen years. From being the major Jewish community in Canada, Montreal has become a distant second. Has the worst in this decline (minus 25,000 Jews between 1976 and 1991) already passed or is it a promise of things to come? We will try to answer this question by focusing on the role of the State.

The Government

Historically, State structures in Quebec (i.e. Parliament, Government and Public Administration) have constituted a French Canadian preserve. English Canadians were in business, and politics; public administration was the "chasse gardée" for the French Canadians. Business has since opened its doors to French Canadians; Government and administration are still largely closed to non French Canadians.

The large majority of MNA's are from old Québécois stock; the very few non French Canadians being elected in predominantly ethnic ridings. This point is crucial. In other democracies, minority members including Jews have been elected in places where Jewish vote is nil or irrelevant (Blum and Mendes-France in France). In Canada in general and Quebec in particular only in ethnic ridings do ethnics have a chance to be elected. With such a tradition, where the qualifications of a candidate are colored by his or her minority identity, the chance for Jews to become ministers will not increase. In itself, this situation is significant only for a few individuals. As understood by all, majority and minorities alike, it gives a very clear signal: minorities, including Jews, are tolerated; they are not part and parcel of the regular political process as it applies to French Canadians.

The Public Service

Public service for reasons set forth above, has been open almost exclusively to French Canadians. The division between a French public sector and an English private one was accepted by most. Today the "French-Canadianization" of business has not been followed by a "minorization" of public administration. When I became a civil servant in Quebec City in the late sixties, out of 30,000 State employees I was one of three Jews! The number of civil servants has doubled; minorities are still under-represented. Two explanations have been advanced: the exclusive use of French and the location in Quebec City hinder minority participation. At one time this was true; it is not anymore. More and more minorities and specifically Jews are fluent in French. Many public jobs are in the Montreal area and many Jews are ready to live in Quebec City and to revive the local Jewish community.

The fact is that although speaking French is a prerequisite to work in Quebec, it is not enough; it is advisable to be from the French Canadian group.

Conscious of the situation and of the resentment of minorities, resentment which could manifest itself at a referendum, Quebec has launched a new policy of affirmative action for minorities. This policy does not apply to the majority of Jews. According to the Treasury Board (Programme d'accès à l'égalité de la fonction publique du Québec pour les membres des communautés culturelles 1990-1994, March 1990), the affirmative action program is limited "to members of visible minorities and persons whose mother tongue is neither French nor English". Since another official text defines "visibility" and since Jews are deemed invisible, and since many of them have English or French for their mother tongue, Jews are excluded from the program. Not being French Canadian, their chance of finding a job in the public service is very low; not being a visible minority their chance becomes nil. In Washington, London or Paris, one may see many Jews working in the public service; in Quebec very few. For young Quebec Jews the message is clear.

The Public Sector

Technically not public servants but nevertheless paid indirectly and regulated by the State are about 300,000 jobs, mostly in education, health and social services. There the situation varies considerably from one case to another. Jews teach at Protestant Schools but were *de jure*, for a long time, excluded from Catholic School Boards and are still absent today. Even in Jewish Day Schools, a trend is discernible, where Jewish teachers are at a disadvantage vis-a-vis French Canadians for teaching French. Cegeps and universities are more open.

As for health services, a planned change is going to affect Jews working there. According to this plan, young doctors would spend a compulsory period in isolated regions. Young doctors are opposed to it. The problem is even more acute for Jewish doctors: they will be totally cut off from their families, culture, institutions etc. A Jewish doctor sent to Rimouski, Chibougamou or Rouyn will find himself in a Jewish desert, without any Jewish community, any synagogue, any school, any support group, any activity. Most will vote with their feet.

In a province, where jobs depending on the State are roughly 10% of the total work force, including many professional ones, the effective closure of opportunities to Jews, with their high proportion of professionals, is pointing towards one direction. Having the disadvantages of being a minority without any advantage will do more to promote emigration than any declaration by any public body.

The problem is compounded by the natural tendency of politicians and high civil servants to promote business with their former university friends. Very few Jews in high position means very few contracts for the hundred of companies dealing with government; lawyers, engineers etc., are also at a disadvantage.

Another major source of employment are big companies. Many have moved their head offices outside of Quebec. The Quebec branches are mainly staffed with French Canadians. What was an opportunity for many Jewish university graduates is shrinking.

The situation is as follows: a growing number of Jews are university graduates. Professions are largely in the State controlled sector and partially in the private one; access to the former is very difficult for Jews, the second is more open but shrinking. Those able and willing to make a living in private business will be only marginally affected by State policies. They will most probably react the same way other businessmen do.

The crux of the problem is that Jews are shifting from small business (garments, fur, shops etc.) to positions of professionals and specialists in big organizations. In Quebec, a remarkable number of big organizations are directly related to the State. Without a deliberate policy of excluding Jews from these positions, the reality is that State apparatus is still largely a French Canadian domain. The debate is not so much about the results of the actual constitutional question — I believe the next generation will still be debating what does Quebec want and what is the essence of Canada — but about the eventual opening of the State to Jews.

The Future

There is very little the Jewish community can do. Promote French? It has been done for many years. The barrier is less linguistic than ethnic. Play a bigger role in politics: How do you get elected in places you are not welcome? How do you force open the doors of the public service? By the way, of the three Jewish civil servants of the late sixties, none is still working in the public service. Maximize the opportunities? It is being done by the Jewish Vocational Service which tries to match job opportunities and applicants.

The future of the Quebec Jewish Community is largely out of the hands of Jews. If the present policy of the State continues, the decline of the Jewish community will continue. If the State opens its doors to all the citizens, by virtue of their education, Jews will get a fair chance to work and participate in Quebec life. An introverted Quebec leads to the attrition of the Jewish community, an open Quebec to a viable Jewish community. The best we can and should do is to make our fellow citizens aware of the kind of society they will choose to promote.

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TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON BY EVELYN GOLD · GALERIE DAN DELANEY

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due to deaths; minus 28% due to out-migration. We have chosen to put our immediate efforts to countering the out-migration. How we will do this will depend on the responses provided to us by our young adults through their parlour meetings.

Do I believe there are good reasons to remain in Montreal? Yes, I do.

Freud wrote of the importance of work, love and play. These are what I believe will be the determining factors for our young people and thus for the future of Quebec Jews. Our rich cultural diversity and *joie de vivre* make it very easy to play here in Quebec. If our young people can also find satisfying work and loving partners, our future will be ensured.

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Ashkenazi exodus from Quebec. One must not forget that even today, Sephardic organizations like the C.S.Q., the francophone branch of the Y.M.H.A., the Canadian Sephardi Federation, etc., are still supported by the A.J.C.S., the Y.M.H.A., the Jewish Agency, etc. The present religious revival among Sephardim is still too fragile to survive long on its own. Many young Sephardim, now totally bilingual, would be ready to leave Quebec, in case it became intolerant (*La Voix Sepharade*, Dec. 1990).

Sephardim Totally Opposed to Separatism

The overriding consideration would remain economics. As immigrants, Moroccan Jews chose to settle in Quebec, in part because it was a francophone province, but mainly because it was an integral part of Canada, an integral part of North America. As proud new citizens of a great and prosperous country, they are totally opposed to separatism. In short, they immigrated to Canada, not to a small, nationalistic insular enclave in the New World. In an independent Quebec, one suspects that Sephardic immigrants would react like all immigrants, like all minorities: they will stay if they are able to preserve their livelihood, and their standard of living. Otherwise, the very fact that many university graduates are becoming independent professionals would make them very mobile, which puts Sephardim exactly in the same situation as their Ashkenazi coreligionists.

In short, contrary to the untenable assertions of the president of the C.S.Q., Montreal Sephardim are, like Ashkenazim, in favour of Canadian unity. Despite the fact that they speak French, their response to Quebec nationalism does not differ greatly from that of anglophone Jews, and they feel a total solidarity with the Montreal Jewish community.

Canadian Jews and Regionalist Movements

by Eugene Kaellis

The tendencies to disunity in Canada regularly stimulate the growth of regionally based political organizations. But the present popularity of the Bloc Québecois and the Reform party has led many Canadians to believe that this recurrent but normally short-lived phenomenon may become permanent and result in greater regional political and economic autonomy (or sovereignty), possibly formal separation.

What do these developments mean for Canada's Jews?

Sovereignty or autonomy movements in Quebec and Western Canada undoubtedly attract malcontents, and among them are identifiable bigots. Although the nomination of Doug Collins, regarded as anti-Jewish, by the North Vancouver constituency of the Reform Party was quashed by Preston Manning, the Party's national leader, it rekindled fears of racism and political know-nothingism. In Quebec, because of Jewish concerns, Jacques Parizeau assured Quebec's Jews that the Parti Quebecois opposes anti-Semitism. In spite of this, statements on the Palestinian situation by the late René Lévesque, the existence of a significant radical component within the PQ, and the history of Quebec nationalism are still enough to create uneasiness among Quebec's Jews.

It seems that the closer Canadian Jews find themselves to the Jewish community, the less likely they are to be associated with regional and provincial autonomy movements, and the greater their fears of these movements.

Growing Support For Regional Autonomy

There are many reasons for the growing support for regional autonomy. Obviously, in the West, economic and political questions are primary, although a backlash against bilingualism and Francophonie is a contributing factor. Cultural sovereignty appears to be the major reason in Quebec — "appears" because attaining cultural sovereignty would also favor greater local ownership and control of Quebec's resources and industries, a powerful additional incentive. Given the frequency with which economic battles are fought on the cultural or symbolic level, it is difficult to know which is the greater motivator.

For Jews, any kind of regional autonomy movement may be threatening because such movements, at least in their initial stages, usually advocate greater cultural uniformity. Quebec nationalists are not planning to exchange the present federal bilingual multicultural system for anything remotely similar. Jews are concerned that in a sovereign Quebec they would find themselves isolated in a society historically nurtured and influenced by Catholicism regardless of whether that expressed itself in openly religious or other, more covert, forms. Indeed, many Jews, sensing their growing alienation, have already left Quebec and others are prepared to follow.

Western sovereignty movements, based more openly on economic considerations, may be more tolerant of diversity, but so far they too display similar negative attitudes toward multiculturalism.

Economic and Political Aspects Are Primary

However, even when culture appears to be the primary mover of a sovereignty or autonomy, the economic and political aspects have to be examined otherwise Jews and others may fail to appreciate the movement's overall chances of success.

Regionalism is a reaction to the perceived misuse of power by the Federal Government, but the fact is that while the Federal Government has the trappings of power, it has little of the substance.

This may come as a surprise to those who have felt the heavy hand of government, but coercive measures (including increasing taxation) used to exert control are the instruments of authority, i.e., the ability to compel. Power, real power, is the ability to bring about desired results by *facilitating*, not *compelling*. Indeed, the less power a government has, the more it resorts to authority.

—There is a power shortage because it is no longer possible to predict the consequences of almost any significant action taken by any government, or to be certain that that action will not set into motion opposing tendencies which can inhibit or even eradicate the desired effect.

How can there be power when the network of necessity has become so complex and tangled that there is no freedom to act decisively toward a reasonably predictable outcome? Because each *immediate* consequence of an action has only a certain probability attached to it, as cause and effect cascade through this network, the probability of the final goal being attained approaches mere chance. This means that there is no effective control. For instance, it is impossible to state with certainty that raising the prime lending rate does not actually contribute to inflation. Nor could the inflationary effects of the Gulf crisis have been anticipated. Additionally, the high exchange rate of the Canadian dollar has not interfered with Canada's trade surplus on a consistent basis.

International finance and trade are the warp and woof of this network of necessity, with competing international alliances (necessary though they may be over the short run) adding to the entanglement.

Politicians, of course, perpetuate the myth of power. It is their staple. But today powerlessness affects totalitarian goverments as much as liberal or populist democracies. It is characteristic of national-international *and* national-regional systems, especially when, as in Canada and the USSR, there is significant regional economic variegation. Regional autonomy movements may blame the government or the present parliamentary or constitutional system for their ills. But it is not the government's misuse of power, but its powerlessness that gives rise to their frustration.

Regional autonomy will eventually reduce the tangled web of commerce and trade which creates powerlessness. While in the past technology supported the growth of concentrated centers of manufacture, the new technology promotes greater regionalization. Industries are already developing in areas that until now were almost entirely resource-based. Korea, Taiwan, and Brazil are only three examples. At the same time traditional raw materials, (e.g., wood and metals), at exploitable levels confined to only some areas of the world are being replaced by near ubiquitous materials (e.g., ceramics) or those which can be synthesized (e.g., plastics and composites) wherever there is an adequate power source. If cold fusion becomes a reality, new materials, a new soilless agriculture, and new technologies developed on a completely local basis will undermine international trade and finance and will cause a still greater shift to regional autonomy.

New Technology Guarantees Success of Decentralization

This means that in the long run the success of "centrifugal" movements, especially those supporting regional economic autonomy, is almost guaranteed. Political autonomy must ultimately accompany it. Both will create a significant increase in the control people have over their economic, and political lives.

Canada's Jews, like everybody else, live in the short run. Yet things change rapidly, and it would be a mistake to see all autonomy movements as threatening because today they may contain hostile or potentially hostile elements or because they now demand more cultural homogeneity.

As Canadian Jews, we owe it to ourselves and our community to examine and assess political movements advocating greater regional autonomy solely on the basis of their principles, programs, and actual theory (sometimes unarticulated or obscured by rhetoric), not by their associations, presumed or real. We may thereby be able to place ourselves in a position to influence their development, which almost certainly represents the wave of the future in Canada.

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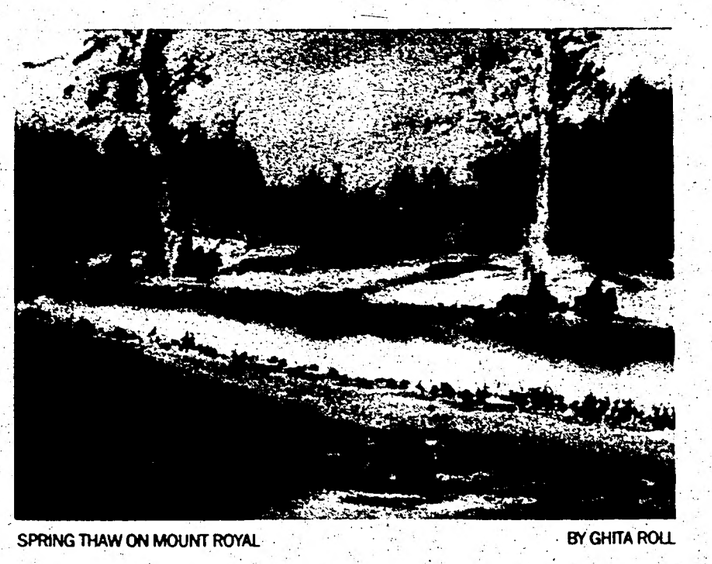

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that the number of bilingual Jews will continue to increase.

One does not see other ethnic communities discussing their differences in public. Certainly, we should learn from their experiences and know that there is strength in numbers, certainly not in public divisiveness. Furthermore, our future in Quebec is related to our ability to act as a unified community amongst ourselves. This means a proper integration in which everyone's cultural differences are respected, but that the delivery and provision of services, collection of funds and political representation are done under one umbrella. I feel very strongly that this is essential if we are to have a viable future in the Jewish community of Quebec.

Community solidarity becomes essential in any time of political instability. This involves continued affiliation with Jewish institutions, whether they be synagogues or Jewish community agencies, to ensure that they remain vibrant and strong. This also involves maintaining one's financial commitment to ensure that those additional services not provided by the government are maintained. My prediction is that within the changing Quebec structure, monies available for health and social services will diminish, not increase; it is therefore every Jew's responsibility to ensure the future financing of needed services.

Collective Responsibility

Collective responsibility refers to the role of Canadian Jewry in ensuring a viable future for the Jewish community of Quebec. The last 20 years has seen a significant population shift among Canadian cities. The most obvious has been the shift of several thousand Montreal Jews to Toronto.

Unfortunately, during the same period of time we have sensed a lack of understanding for the Montreal Jewish community's present-day problems, and subconsciously, a feeling that its problems are insolvable and a write-off of any role for Montreal in the future of Canadian Jewry.

In the Spring issue of Viewpoints, dedicated to the future of Canadian Jewry, no Montreal contributors were featured. Montreal's future was described as bleak and its cultural life at risk.

I maintain that in the spirit of national collective responsibility, it is in the interest of all Canadian Jews to support a positive attitude towards all centres of Canadian Jewish life. Certainly, a community such as Montreal which contributed and which continues to contribute, both financially and in human resources, to national leadership issues, deserves more respect and confidence from its sister communities.

Summary

I have tried briefly to outline in this paper those areas which I feel require important and immediate attention from the Jewish community in Montreal in order to ensure a viable future. These areas have been discussed in support of my thesis that we can make a difference and that our future is in our hands. We need community leaders to come forward and speak out positively about our future. We need to actively encourage young people to stay. We need to refocus from the negative to the positive and all must take an active role in this important endeavour.

Coming to America: A Reminiscence

by Ida Ungar

This is the story of my parents' immigration to America. But before I begin to tell it, I would like to say a few words. Actually, they came to Canada. However in every immigrant's mind Canada was Canada-United States-the whole continent-America. They related to the Americans. With them they said, depending on their mood, "a *klog* (curse) on Columbus, a golden land America, or American Children", in a tone of hopelessness — and so forth. To them there was no difference.

My parents came from a *shtetel* (a village) called Bieshincovitch in Russia, our family name was Belodubrofsky. Once when my father went to a lawyer to "make citizen papers", he came home disgusted. "Today's lawyers" he said, derisively, "he asks me my name, I tell him Belodubrofsky, and where do you come from? Bieshincovitch I reply. Ten years he went to college", he continued disdainfully, "and asks *me* 'how you spell it'".

My father served in the Russian army and hated it with a passion. The plight of the ordinary private was very bad, but for the Jewish soldier it was dreadful. An intelligent observant Jew, he found it humiliating and hard to endure and vowed that he would never go to war for the antisemitic Russian government.

In 1904 when the Russo-Japanese war seemed imminent, he decided to desert, to steal across the border and go to Canada, leaving behind his wife and three small children until he could send for them.

At that time Canada needed immigrants to settle the land, till the soil, work on the railroad, etc., so the government subsidized the steamship fare.

The first day on the boat he became a hero, a spokesman for the steerage immigrants. In the morning the men went up to the "upper deck" to stand facing the east to say their prayers. The sailors would not permit this and began to shove them around and even to throw some punches. My father stood his ground even returning a few, so they took him to the captain. He heard out both sides and then ruled that they may continue with their praying without interference. He was nick-named "Kropotkin" after a renowned Russian general. The name stayed with him for many years. A tall 6 foot 4, well-built, strong, handsome man; he was well-known around town. At that time there was a great deal of anti-semitism in Montreal and old bearded Jews were often harassed. When my father would see such an incident, even from afar, he would rush over, knock a few heads together and disappear into a synagogue where he would don a prayer shawl and begin to pray. In the areas where he frequented, Jews were left in peace. He also had a powerful voice and served as a Cantor to large congregations on the high holidays.

The Canadian immigration was much smaller than the American one. We had no Ellis Island; the immigrants arrived in the port cities of Halifax or Quebec City. From there they were dispersed across the land. My father was sent to Montreal first. Then he was given a piece of land in the Laurentians which turned out to be stony and arid — impossible to cultivate; he returned to the city.

In Russia, he was an overseer in a lumber forest. Here without the language and without a trade he became a C.P.R.-nik, a worker for the C.P.R. the Canadian Pacific Railway. In less than two years, saving penny by penny, he was able to send for my mother and my three little sisters, the oldest 5 years old. With her came a 20 year old nephew whom she brought as her son. To this menage there was added a boarder waiting for his family to arrive. Within nine months I was born followed in quick succession by three more children.

As you can well understand Mama didn't have time to learn English and besides there were no facilities then for that. In truth she didn't need it. The newcomers made their own ghetto. Though they came to a city they brought the village with them. The neighbours, the shopkeepers, the baker, the butcher, the milkman — all were Jewish. All week everything was delivered to the door on credit and Sunday was collection day.

Because of Mama's health we moved away from the center of the city to a completely new neighbourhood. The first Saturday morning as my parents came home from Synagogue the doorbell rang, Mama went to the door — horrors — there stood the new milkman come on the Sabbath to collect. Says Mama, flustered, "vee didn't respect you to-day" and Papa pushing her aside corrects her "you can't even speak English" and says to the milkman "today vee didn't axept you". A bit of English crept in. They formed their own lexicon. They added a nik, a check, a keh, changed the pronunciation and it became Y'inglish! A boy-check, a boy-eleh, de next door-ikeh, a store-keh. We ate vademelon (watermelon) pnenes (bananas) slept on a lonch (a lounge) which could be opened up for a bed and babies were wheeled in a kery (carriage).

Once Mama, wanting to buy a "second-hand lonch" asked me to look for one in the classified. I couldn't find any for sale. For a long time I thought that a "lonch" was a treasured possession which no one would part with. A favourite card game was Peeshee-Paishee". It wasn't until years later that I discovered it was the English card game Peace & Patience".

My father always owned his own "heiskeh" a humble home so he was a "lendler" (landlord) we knew about a "leest" (a lease), a "mogaje" (mortgage), a painter and our "teners" (tenants) who never paid their rent.

Mama had all her seven children plus a few miscarriages within eleven years. You can understand that by that time she did not feel so good. So she went to see what they called a woman's doctor, (gynaecologist) Dr. Fraser, a Scot, to whom all the Jewish women went becasue there were no Jewish specialists then.

She took along my oldest sister, 12 years old as interpreter! You can imagine! When Mama was already dressed to leave she said to Sofie "tell the doctor that I am a little "nervess" too. Sofie thought that "nervess" was a Jewish word and did not know the English word was nervous. When Mama would say "I'm nervess" papa would scoff "nervess meshoogeh". So she translated "my mother says she's a little crazy too". But the doctor had other patients like her and understood. "Tell you father your mother needs outside recreation." Back home she tells papa "the doctor said Mama needs outside amusement". "He's crazy, the doctor", exclaims Papa, "she has seven children. What more does she need for amusement?"

My father tried many business ventures but did not succeed in any. Before he brought his family over he bought a horse and wagon and went into business for himself as a parcel deliverer. That was considered a lowly trade. My uncle in Bieshenkovitch was furious and wrote that never in their family had there been a humble carter and begged him to give it up. He nevertheless continued with it for some time but rich he didn't get. A very religious man, he did not work on the Sabbath nor would he have a telephone in the house lest any one would have the *chutzpah* to phone on Saturday and defile the Sabbath. A business without a phone! You can imagine, a millionaire he did not become, though in those days you only needed "at least $50,000" to be considered a millionaire.

Later he became partners with a *trefah* (non-kosher) butcher, a very profitable business. There was, however, no government inspection at that time and he could not stand the appalling state of the meat being sold to the public and got out of that — and so it went. He learned to speak English but was an ardent Yiddishist. He was a much sought after political speaker but always in Yiddish. In our house Yiddish was spoken.

Mama, with only 3 months schooling in Russia, was a bright, intelligent lady. She mothered seven fine children the first 5 girls, the 6th, at last, a boy, a *kaddish*! When they told her it was a boy she said "Don't laugh at me". What went on! Papa invited the whole town. What-a-to do! For the 7th — a girl, there was no great celebration.

His 6 daughters weighed heavily on Papa's mind. "How will I ever marry off 6 dowerless girls?" he bemoaned. But, as with G-d's help, he married them all off, he'd boast that "they're knocking down the doors for more daughters." My youngest sister was always very good to our parents. Once, Mama said to her "When you were born we needed you like a hole in the head — now you really come in very handy."

It was a difficult life. Ice had to be *shlept* in a basin up three flights of stairs, ashes had to be sifted, wash hung out on the line even in mid-winter and brought in frozen stiff. Mother was 5 years in the land before she knew that sheets could be sent out to a laundry.

It took a lot of courage, a lot of understanding and a good sense of humor to be an immigrant in those days. That my parents had in abundance. There were no pensions, no medicare, no family allowance, no welfare, no unemployment insurance. Despite that they brought up seven upstanding Canadian citizens.

There were many hardships but there were also many good times. A joyous event, a holiday the family celebrated together; and they stood by each other in sorrow.

They left us a heritage greater than riches, a good name, a loving warm family and wonderful memories which we will treasure in our hearts always.

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Ida Ungar *lives in Montreal. Her article was written in Yiddish at the request of the younger generation of her family and translated for publication.*

POETRY

WARSAW

by Ken Sherman

The moon, a Slavic skull,
shines over Warsaw

and on the crowded Jewish cemetery,
that final ghetto
of touching stones,
chiselled hieroglyphs
which should be breath vowels,
gutturals against death
but there is no one
to intone them.

In Warsaw at night
you discover the Absence.
Too many armies
have stomped on its streets,
its buildings
seem to be sinking,
each human face
folds in beneath lamplight
like a crater.

The soles of peoples' shoes
are ugly and thick
as if shoemakers had become philosophers
of pavement.

The people have lost
their lightness
and replaced it with a wisdom
which makes no one laugh.

Editor's Note:
We regret the fact that an incorrect version of this poem was printed in our last issue. The correct version appears above.

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Photographic display of the Holocaust Period at:

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7:30 pm *Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre,*
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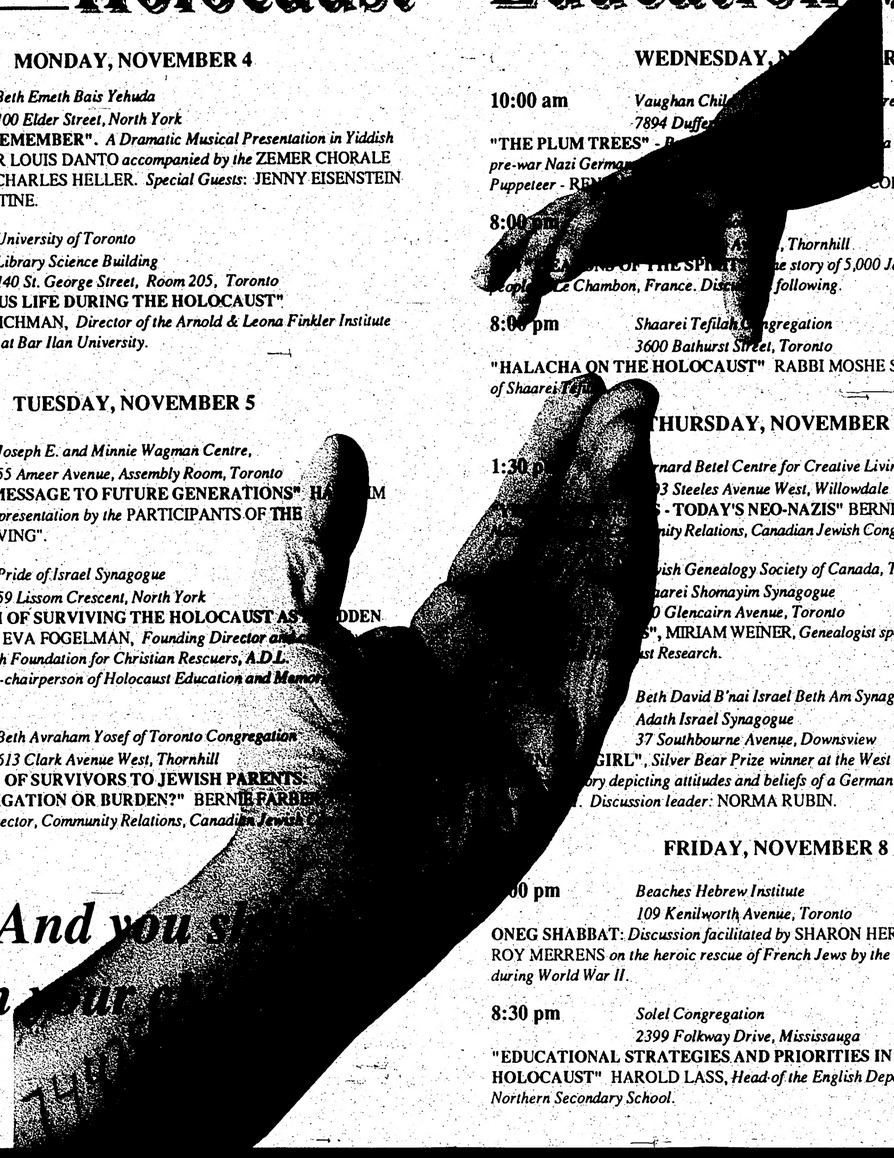
8:00 pm *Pride of Israel Synagogue*
59 Lissom Crescent, North York
"THE AFTERMATH OF SURVIVING THE HOLOCAUST AS [illegible]DDEN CHILD" *Panel:* DR. EVA FOGELMAN, *Founding Director and consultant to the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers, A.D.L.* ANITA EKSTEIN, *Co-chairperson of Holocaust Education and Memor[illegible] child survivor.*

8:00 pm *Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation*
613 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill
"FROM CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS TO JEWISH PARENTS: THE SHOAH - OBLIGATION OR BURDEN?" BERNIE FARBER, *Associate National Director, Community Relations, Canadian Jewish C[illegible]*



WEDNESDAY, N[illegible]R 6

10:00 am *Vaughan Chil[illegible]re*
7894 Duffe[illegible]
"THE PLUM TREES" - *R[illegible]a young Jewish girl in pre-war Nazi Germa[illegible]*
Puppeteer - REN[illegible]OHEN.

8:00 [illegible] *[illegible], Thornhill*
"[illegible]S OF THE SPI[illegible]" *he story of 5,000 Jews rescued by the people of Le Chambon, France. Dis[illegible] following.*

8:00 pm *Shaarei Tefilah [illegible]ngregation*
3600 Bathurst Street, Toronto
"HALACHA ON THE HOLOCAUST" RABBI MOSHE STERN, *Spiritual Leader of Shaarei Tef[illegible]*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:30 p[illegible] *[illegible]rnard Betel Centre for Creative Living*
[illegible]3 Steeles Avenue West, Willowdale
[illegible] - TODAY'S NEO-NAZIS" BERNIE FARBER, *Associate [illegible]nity Relations, Canadian Jewish Congress.*

[illegible]ish Genealogy Society of Canada, Toronto Division and [illegible]aarei Shomayim Synagogue
[illegible]0 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto
[illegible]", MIRIAM WEINER, *Genealogist specializing in Jewish [illegible]st Research.*

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue
Adath Israel Synagogue
37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview
[illegible]GIRL", *Silver Bear Prize winner at the West German Film Festival. [illegible]ory depicting attitudes and beliefs of a German townspeople about [illegible]. Discussion leader:* NORMA RUBIN.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

[illegible]0 pm *Beaches Hebrew Institute*
109 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto
ONEG SHABBAT: *Discussion facilitated by* SHARON HERSHENHORN *and* ROY MERRENS *on the heroic rescue of French Jews by the residents of Le Chambon during World War II.*

8:30 pm *Solel Congregation*
2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga
"EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES IN TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST" HAROLD LASS, *Head of the English Department, Northern Secondary School.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 pm *Congregation Habonim*
5 Glen Park Avenue, Toronto
"KRISTALLNACHT MEMORIAL SERVICE" HABONIM YOUTH CHOIR. *Readings from the* 1990 MARCH OF THE LIVING PARTICIPANTS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00 am *Temple Sinai*
210 Wilson Avenue, North York
"SO MANY MIRACLES" SAUL RUBINEK *discusses his film.*

10:30 am *Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation*
12 Heaton Street, North York
"MARCH OF THE LIVING" *A video presentation based on students' personal experiences and their perspectives.*

8:00 pm *Darchei Noam*
15 Hove Street, North York
"NONE IS TOO MANY: 10 YEARS RETROSPECTIVE"
DR. HAROLD TROPER, *Professor of History and Author.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 pm *Holy Blossom Temple*
1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto
"TO THE GENERATION OF TODAY: A SURVIVOR'S LEGACY"
ALICIA APPLEMAN-JURMAN, *Educator and award-winning Author of her autobiography* **"ALICIA - MY STORY."**

Holocaust Education Week

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Our goal is awareness. Realizing and understanding what life was like fifty years ago will help to prevent racism and prejudice today. We must never forget the past. It is the guide with which we shape our children's future.